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Environment Minister's career hangs in balance as constituency officers meet

'Foolish' Yeo insists he will not quit

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

■ Tim Yeo enjoys the backing of the Prime Minister. But with a hostile press on his heels, that may not be enough — as two former colleagues discovered

TIM Yeo's future was on a knife edge last night as he admitted that he had behaved very foolishly over his affair with a Conservative councillor but insisted he would not be driven from office.

The Environment Minister staged his defiant attempt to save his career as party chiefs in his Suffolk constituency met to consider the disclosure that he has an illegitimate daughter. Mr Yeo and his wife, Diane, were at the meeting that would seal his fate.

Although ministers continued to rally to his support, senior Conservative sources accepted that anything other than full backing for him both as an MP and as a minister would leave him out on a limb. One said: "Tonight is not the last hurdle, but it is the highest that he has to clear."

Mr Yeo had earlier returned to work from a holiday in the Seychelles and told reporters that he had no intention of resigning. In a reference to the downfall of David Mellor and Michael Mates — both forced out in spite of having the support of John Major — he said: "I am absolutely determined that I and no further minister will be driven out of office by media pressure."

In a frank BBC radio interview shortly before last night's meeting in Hadleigh, Mr Yeo maintained that his credibility as a minister had not been damaged; he saw no conflict between his personal conduct and his position as a member of the Government. "The Government's position on family values, which is certainly one which I share, is not in any way jeopardised by anything I have done," he said.

He did not believe that people who admitted their mistakes and took responsibility for them were unfit for office, but he conceded he would have to go if he lost the confidence of the Prime Minister or his colleagues.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, has appealed for compassion for Mr Yeo, and yesterday Virginia Bottomley offered further support, saying people in government were subject to the same pressures within family life as everyone else.

Mr Yeo's main task last night was to convince his local party officers, one of whom wrote to Mr Major last week to demand his dismissal. Aldine Horrigan, the mayor of Haverhill, said that Mr Yeo should resign as a minister and possibly as an MP as well, saying a by-election was a price worth paying.

Mrs Horrigan was spurred into action by the disclosure on Christmas Day that Mr Yeo was the father of five-month-old Claudia-Marie as the result of his affair with Julia Stent, 34, a solicitor and London councillor. Asked on the *PM* programme yesterday about the "conflict" between his private conduct and his position as a member of a government promoting the values of the family, Mr Yeo replied: "I see no conflict. I believe that it has been accepted by my colleagues in government that my conduct has been an entirely private matter and that I expect to be judged as a minister by my performance in office."

When it was suggested that his credibility had been compromised, he added: "Of course I recognise that I have acted very foolishly in this matter and I would not seek to deny that at all. But I do not believe that my credibility as Environment Minister has been damaged at all. I have managed to perform my tasks as a minister over the last three years, apparently to the satisfaction of my colleagues."

He continued: "What I did was foolish and I regret it and I regret the consequences of it, the distress it has caused to my family and the embarrassment it has caused to my constituents. But I do not believe that in any government there are such demanding standards that those individuals who make mistakes, who acknowledge those mistakes, who are prepared to take full responsibility for the consequences of those mistakes, should be regarded as unfit for office when it is quite clear that none of those actions have any direct relevance to the tasks which those ministers perform in government."

Pressed on what circumstances would prompt his resignation, the minister said: "If I lost the confidence of the Prime Minister and my colleagues in government, those are circumstances in which I would have to resign."

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Tim Yeo facing a barrage of reporters and photographers on his return to London yesterday. Later he faced the questions of local party chiefs



Julia Stent, mother of the minister's child

Hume calls on IRA to give up armed struggle

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IRA leaders came under formidable pressure last night to abandon violence when John Hume called on the Provisionals to lay down their guns in one of the century's "greatest acts of moral courage".

Mr Hume, Leader of the SDLP and standard bearer of moderate nationalism in Northern Ireland, told the IRA that the reasons for its armed struggle no longer existed. He added that he understood the IRA's difficulties in making such a move, and said that it was right for republicans to take their time to formulate a definitive response to the Anglo-Irish declaration of three weeks ago.

In his strongest statement since the declaration, he gave the peace initiative a significant boost when he called on the IRA and Sinn Fein to pick up the "enormous challenge" of talking to their opponents. "It is a challenge that ... will require from the republican movement, given the experiences its members have been through, one of the greatest acts of moral courage of this century," he said. "But ... it is moral courage that gives real leadership and that creates truly historic opportunity."

Mr Hume, whose consistent advocacy of constitutional nationalism has given him tremendous moral authority in Dublin, the Continent and America, clearly hopes to revive the momentum for peace after the poor response to the declaration from Sinn Fein and the IRA. Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, indicated on Monday night that only a united Ireland would satisfy republicans and he railed against "partitionist solutions".

Mr Hume is encouraged that Mr Adams has not rejected the declaration and that he has welcomed the recognition

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Post Office paper round

The Post Office wants to take over delivery of Sunday newspapers if it is given the commercial freedom it is seeking. The move is a clear sign of the new directions in which its senior managers feel that they could take the organisation.

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Patten spells out tough school line

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A DRIVE to tighten discipline in state schools by detailing the punishments available to teachers and governors was launched yesterday by John Patten.

The Education Secretary published detailed guidelines to help schools fight classroom disruption and instil pupils with traditional values of honesty, self-discipline and respect for property.

He ruled out, however, any return to corporal punishment — while admitting that he regretted the cane was banned in state schools — and urged head teachers to expel fewer pupils. He said the Government had "no magic solutions" but sought to raise standards of discipline.

The 261 pages of guidance stress the need for greater parental responsibility and say that schools should involve pupils in drawing up clear rules underpinned by a strong moral code. Local education authorities (LEAs) are advised to establish more referral units for expelled pupils, each with a mission to return them to mainstream education as quickly as possible.

The guidelines, which have John Major's support, received a lukewarm response from teachers' leaders. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said it was full of pious platitudes and riddled with "the wishy-washiness of the 1960s".

Teachers were also unhappy that no immediate action was pledged to protect them from malicious allegations of child abuse under the Children Act. Ministers are considering this issue separately.

At a news conference, Mr Patten was careful to avoid criticising teachers directly prior to today's publication of the Dearing report on the curriculum and testing.

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Habgood condemns donor birth

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE use of donors to provide sperm or eggs for infertile couples is morally objectionable and should be avoided, a leading churchman says today.

In an intervention that will fuel the controversy over "designer babies", the Archbishop of York, John Habgood, says in a letter to *The Times* that the use of donated sperm and eggs is the source the ethical dilemmas raised by new treatments for infertility. He says the public should be educated to accept that "the price of meeting a few unfortunate people's desire for children is morally too high."

Yesterday Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said that new techniques such as using eggs from aborted foetuses were not permissible under present laws.

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Absent Sudanese envoy told to go

BY DAVID WATTS

THE Sudanese ambassador was last night given 14 days to leave Britain after Khartoum declined to reconsider its decision to expel the British ambassador. Ironically, the expelled ambassador has already left: he moved more than three months ago to New York, where he now represents his government at the United Nations.

Peter Streams, the British ambassador to Sudan, has taken a pro-active attitude towards the Sudanese government which has irritated officials there. The final point of dissension appears to have been the controversial visit of Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, who cancelled a visit to Khartoum, feeling his visit would be controlled by the government, and instead visited the partly Christian south of the country.

On his return to Britain Dr Carey said Mr Streams's expulsion was an "own goal", but African sources said that the ambassador had become an obstacle to relations between Khartoum and London. The Foreign Office said its order for Ali Osman Yassin, the Sudanese ambassador, to go was the "inevitable consequence" of Sudan's expulsion of Mr Streams.

Mr Yassin told *The Times* that the expulsion order affects him only "theoretically", since he left Britain in September to take up his post as Sudan's UN representative. Mr Yassin, who served a year in London with what he says was a mandate to improve relations, had planned to present his formal farewell at the Court of St James this month.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the expulsion was a matter of considerable regret and disappointment.

Dr Carey told a press conference yesterday that the international community needed to show "greater energy and imagination" in the search for a peaceful settlement in Sudan.

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Rain-swept Kent is still on drought alert

BY KATE ALDERSON

TORRENTIAL rains lashing southern England produced flood alerts yesterday — and a warning that Kent may face a serious drought this summer.

Although the county has had double its usual rainfall since September and many of its villages have been flooded, the National Rivers Authority said that the heavy rains will have to continue through the winter to replenish rivers in east Kent.

Graham Warren, area resources manager for the NRA in Kent, said: "Our underground water is low and needs desperately to be topped up this winter. The water tables have been dry since 1988, and if the rivers run dry it causes serious environmental problems." He said the worst affected area was the north Downs.

After the wettest December since 1979 and the tenth wettest this century, the first four days of the year have been dominated by almost continuous rainfall in a number of southern areas. The NRA yesterday also issued yellow alert warnings on rivers in Kent, Hampshire and Sussex as storms during Monday night caused flooding. The centre of Chichester, West Sussex, was brought to a halt as water up to three feet deep swamped shops, homes and business premises yesterday.

Forecasters at the London Weather Centre said overnight heavy rains would move northwards and engulf most of the country. "The only part of the country that will not be touched by rain is the northern tip of Scotland."

The NRA said that more flood warnings were on the way because rivers were full following heavy December rains. The average rainfall in England and Wales for December was 152mm, 62 per cent higher than the 30-year average for the month.

Weather conditions have improved since the weekend, but almost every region in Britain is still on a yellow alert, warning that minor roads and agricultural land could be flooded.

Forecasters predict that the weekend will be drier, with some freezing fog in the Midlands.

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Graduates in big demand as job market improves

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE first clear signs of recovery in the depressed graduate job market have been reported by employers, who expect to have far more vacancies this year than last. Industry has yet to move out of recession, but other employers are already taking on more graduates.

Annual forecasts published by the Association of Graduate Recruiters show 83 per cent of employers optimistic about the state of the job market. More than a third of the 250 organisations responding to the association's survey expected to take more graduates over the next three years.

The number of openings for new graduates was down by 3.5 per cent in 1993, but this time last year the forecast decline was 21 per cent. The Institute of Manpower Studies, which carried out the survey, said in its report: "These trends suggest that the rapid reduction in graduate recruitment in recent years is beginning to bottom out and may be reversed."

Non-industrial organisations took more graduates last year, and are predicting 8 per cent more vacancies this year. Cuts in defence spending, widespread restructuring and the continuing effects of recession produced a drop of more than 18 per cent in the number of graduates going into industry in 1993, but this year's forecast for that sector is a 4 per cent increase.

Some firms have already raised their requirements since the survey was conducted in November. Marc Smelik, graduate recruitment manager at Barclays Bank, said: "Graduate training opportunities in our group in 1994 are up 70 per cent on 1993, demonstrating our commitment to recruiting the best graduates to lead our businesses in the years ahead."

However, the brighter picture does not yet extend to graduate salaries. The average starting salary in 1993 was £13,004, only 1.6 per cent up on the previous year. The best paid were receiving up to £16,000, but salaries at the bottom end of the scale were almost unchanged at £11,500.

The widening pay gap reflects the changing nature of what is regarded as a graduate job. Most employers interviewed by the institute said they were taking graduates for jobs that did not require a degree.

The gap is even more obvious in comparisons of the salaries of graduates recruited in 1990. The best-paid 10 per cent now earn £23,000, compared with £14,000 at the bottom end of the scale.

In 1994 the average starting salary is expected to rise by 3.8 per cent to £13,500. The biggest increases are again expected in non-industrial jobs.

Few of the organisations surveyed experienced any difficulty in filling their vacancies last year, although some expressed concern about the number of well-qualified graduates with the personal skills they required. The main area of shortage was in scientific, technical, engineering and research posts, where more than 5 per cent of employers could not fill all their vacancies.

Scientific and technological subjects are still registering relatively high levels of unemployment. The report suggests that any shortages are of quality, rather than quantity.

Kate Orebi Gann, recruitment manager for Marks & Spencer, who chairs the association, said: "This survey is very good news for graduates who have yet to secure employment, and for those graduating in 1994. Once more organisations start to prepare for the recovery, this improvement in graduate recruitment should accelerate."

☐ Scotland remains ahead in the UK in the proportion of young people who enter higher education, according to figures published by the Scottish Graduate Careers Programme yesterday.

Scotland, with only 9 per cent of the population, provided 12 per cent of the total number of UK higher education places, according to an analysis of graduate employment from 1983 to 1992. In 1991, 24,400 students graduated, 34 per cent higher than eight years previously.

House prices up 3.3% last year

BY LINDSAY COOK, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

HOUSE prices rose 0.8 per cent during December according to the Nationwide Building Society, fuelling hopes that the property revival is firmly under way. The figures for December, normally a quiet month in the housing market, meant that prices ended the year 3.3 per cent up on the previous December.

At the end of 1993 the average house price was £53,571, £438 up on November and £1,709 higher than at the end of 1992.

The figures from the second-largest building society were seen by John Wriglesworth, analyst at the City bank UBS, as the first confirmation that house prices increased in 1993. "Prices rose by twice the annual rate of inflation. A few years ago it would have been considered a mega-boom situation if house prices were increasing at double the rate of inflation," he said.

The increase reported by the Nationwide compares with an 8 per cent price fall in 1992. "This means that the fear of negative equity is receding for first-time buyers," Dr Wriglesworth said. "They will not worry that they will buy a property and find that after six months their mortgage is worth more than their home."

Brian Davis, the Nationwide's operations director, said: "The modest upturn in the economy in 1993 has led to an increase in confidence in the housing market ...

"As the economic recovery continues, we expect confidence in the housing market to continue to improve in 1994, resulting in an increase in the number of transactions as buyers take advantage of the lowest mortgage interest rates for over 20 years. This could well be translated into further price rises during 1994, probably slightly outpacing inflation."

The 1993 house price analysis by the Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, is about to be published.



Wriglesworth: fears of negative equity receding



Aldine Horrigan: "I was an enthusiastic supporter of Tim Yeo"

Conservative mayor turns her back on protégé Yeo

BY ANDREW PIERCE

AS TIM Yeo battled for his political life last night, Aldine Horrigan, the Tory mayor who demanded the minister's resignation in a letter to the Prime Minister, emerged as the kingmaker for the second time in ten years.

Mrs Horrigan, who has led the constituency campaign for Mr Yeo to resign, was one of the moving forces beind his surprise selection as candidate in Suffolk South only weeks before the 1983 general election. Keith Stainton, for 20 years MP for Sudbury and Woodbridge, which had disappeared in boundary changes, was favourite for the nomination. But Richard Ryder, now the Tory Chief Whip, emerged as a late frontrunner.

Mr Yeo, the underdog on the shortlist of three, powered through thanks in part to the vocal support of Mrs Horrigan, 59, who was on the selection panel. She said last night: "We were a new constituency and I wanted a new and young MP. I was an enthusiastic supporter of Tim Yeo."

It was when Mrs Horrigan wrote to the Prime Minister after Christmas, urging him to sack Mr Yeo, that the odds began to be stacked against the minister. "We have still not had a reply," Mrs Horrigan said. "I am disappointed."

Mrs Horrigan, the mayor of Haverhill, the only Labour stronghold in the Suffolk South constituency, is a powerful influence in the Conservative Association. She said: "I supported Mr Yeo when it was right to do so. I have always made it clear he should go as a minister not necessarily as an MP.

"But if the view of the constituency is that he should stand down altogether I have to say a by-election is a price worth paying."

Her husband Tom said: "My wife always speaks from the hip. She was right to back Tim Yeo in 1983. She was right to have the courage to be the first to call on him to go in 1993."

Other Tories seemed to be moving in the same direction. Frances Stainton, whose husband was ousted by Mr Yeo, said that many Tories were examining their consciences.

While Tory MPs pledged their support, Robert Maidment, vice-president of Haverhill Tories, said: "We believe in traditional values: in the nuclear family. Single parents are part of the equation. Therefore any consideration about Tim Yeo's position as minister must include whether he stays as an MP."

Mr Yeo's fate was being decided last night by a committee of eight constituency officers.

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BBC romps home in Christmas race

The BBC captured nearly 70 per cent of the Christmas Day television audience. The most popular programme, BBC1's *Only Fools and Horses*, attracted 19.59 million viewers, more than three times the 5.8 million who saw the highest-rating ITV programme, the American film *Field of Dreams*. BBC1's audience share was 61.2 per cent and BBC2 attracted 7.1 per cent. ITV achieved 21.7 per cent and Channel 4 5.2 per cent.

The BBC also won the overall battle for Christmas week, attracting a 50.7 per cent share against ITV's 34.5 per cent. The audience for the Queen's speech on all four channels totalled 18.1 million, including video viewing, a further slide from 19.6 million in 1992 and 23.3 million in 1991. ITV is expected to lead BBC in the New Year Bank Holiday figures after planning its best programmes for the commercially valuable pre-sale slots.

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Land Rover in US drive

Land Rover yesterday announced plans to treble sales in the US as part of a $1 billion (£668 million) export drive by British car manufacturers including Jaguar and Rolls-Royce. Sales of Land Rover vehicles were up by 15.9 per cent to more than 4,900 in the US in 1993 while Jaguar's sales jumped 50 per cent to almost 13,000. Land Rover launched its Discovery four-wheel drive at the Detroit Motor Show yesterday for an on-the-road price of less than $30,000 (£20,000), with safety air bags, air conditioning in the front and rear seats and twin electric sunroofs.

Murder charge dropped

A charge of murder against one of two brothers who had been accused of killing their wealthy parents more than six years ago is to be dropped, it was confirmed yesterday. Mark Newall, 27, a Paris-based banker, will be committed on January 27 only on a charge of being an accessory to murder, his counsel said at Jersey police court. Mark was remanded for a week with his brother Roderick, 28, a former Army lieutenant, who has pleaded guilty to murdering Nicholas Newall, 56, a Lloyd's member, and Elizabeth Newall, 47, at their bungalow on the island.

Vengeful uncle jailed

The uncle of Nikki Allen, the seven-year-old who was murdered last year, has been jailed for three years for a machete attack on the man he blamed for gossip about the child. Gregory Prest, 31, accused David Wilkie, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, of spreading cruel rumours that Nikki had been begging outside a pub. Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court heard that Prest, who admitted aggravated burglary in an attempt to inflict grievous bodily harm, burst into Mr Wilkie's home and shouted: "I am going to get you. I am going to kill you."

Scots dominate NHS

Alan Langlands, a 41-year-old Scot, was appointed chief executive of the NHS yesterday. When he takes over in April from Sir Duncan Nichol, Scots will occupy almost every senior position in the health service in England. They include Sir Kenneth Calman, chief medical officer, Dr Mac Armstrong, secretary of the BMA, Dr Sandy MacAra, chairman of the BMA council, and Sir Robert Kilpatrick, president of the GMC. Graham Hart, permanent secretary at the Health Department, and Yvonne Moores, chief nursing officer, have served north of the border.

Top police candidate



Bill Taylor, left, an assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard who heads the Met's anti-terrorist forces, is expected to become the new Commissioner of the City of London police. The post, overseeing a force of 800, carries a salary of more than £70,000. Mr Taylor is in his mid-40s. His name will be put before the City's police committee this month. Owen Kelly retired from the post last month.

Player paralysed

An amateur rugby player has been left paralysed from the neck down after he was injured in a scrummage accident 14 seconds after the start of a game. Alan Douglas, 26, who was playing for the West Bridgford second team on Monday, was taken to hospital in nearby Nottingham, where his condition was described last night as comfortable.

JP on theft charges

A magistrate was charged yesterday with stealing cash and property worth about £40,000 from his employers, Fanum Fleet, an Automobile Association subsidiary. Robert Wareham, 44, who sits on the bench at Andover, Hampshire, was given conditional bail by magistrates in Southampton. A committal hearing was adjourned until March.

Guide for the 1990s

The Girl Guides embraced the politically correct 1990s by dropping any reference to the gender of their members. After 83 years the "Guide Association" took over, complete with a revamped badge with the GG replaced by a star. A spokeswoman said: "The new name reflects the fact that more than 76,000 of our 750,000 members are over 18."

Flood work 'worsens problem'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

AS BRITAIN'S rivers threatened to burst their banks yesterday, an expert said that traditional flood-control schemes could make matters worse.

Professor Colin Thorne, head of the geography department at Nottingham University, was speaking as geographers gathered for their annual conference at the university. He said that evidence from all over the world demonstrated the failure of schemes that aimed to prevent flooding by deepening and strengthening river channels.

"The new channels quickly fill up with silt and the flood capacity in the end may be less than when you started," he said. "The only alternative is to keep dredging the channel, which destroys natural habitat and creates a waste-disposal problem."

A better policy was to allow rivers to meander within a wider channel that might be flooded at least once a year. "The result is that floods are controlled and a rich wetland environment created with bullrushes, reeds, nesting birds and flourishing fish life. The snag is that you have to give up some land on either side of the river, which some people may be reluctant to do."

Flood protection schemes were often unnecessary, he said. Most were designed to protect arable land that might be better allowed to return to water meadows. The most unsuccessful flood protection schemes had been in the North West, where the rivers were vigorous enough to silt up the channels quickly. The more sluggish rivers in the South East rarely did so. "These southern rivers are incapable of recovering by themselves," Prof Thorne said. Fresh work was needed to restore them to health.

He gave a warning to people living beside rivers and to anglers. "People who want the pleasure of living by a river should be prepared to pay the price of occasional flooding," he said.

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Hume tells IRA to lay down its guns

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by Britain of the right of the Irish people to self-determination. In his five-page statement Mr Hume said that the declaration accepted the principles of self-determination agreed in his own peace initiative with Mr Adams.

He coupled his message to the IRA with a warning to Mr Major to stop using "insensitive and unhelpful language". Without naming the Prime Minister, he picked out phrases used by Major to warn republicans of the dangers of rejecting the declaration, such as "take it or leave it", "decontamination periods" and "gauntlets". He said: "Language of that nature is most unhelpful at a very sensitive and important time."

He also said that some republicans had been wrong to see the declaration as a settlement. "That will only come at the next stage of the process, involving both governments and all parties."

David Trimble, Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, criticised Mr Hume's statement, saying: "He has a lot of explaining to do as to why his perspective has not worked out. This is his apologia."

James Molyneaux, Leader of the Ulster Unionists, called yesterday for a security crackdown on the IRA. He told the Lisburn branch of his party: "The IRA's not unexpected refusal to accept the Joint Declaration clears the way for a really effective anti-terrorist campaign."

☐ Two bomb-disposal experts were injured by a loyalist bomb sent to the Sinn Fein office in Dublin yesterday.

Bank's free lunch costs £110

BY IAN MURRAY

A BUSINESSMAN who was billed £110 in management charges after buying lunch for his bank manager has exposed the widely differing way in which leading high street banks charge their customers for advice.

A Consumers Association survey last month said the code of banking practice, introduced in March 1992, was a mockery. Chris Reddall, who runs a small printing and reprographic service in Brighton, said his lunchtime experience meant it was "no better than a joke".

The meal for two in an Italian restaurant cost £33. The bill for the manager's time worked out at 88p a minute while they ate.

Mr Redall has banked with the Worthing branch of Barclays for more than 20 years. "I have always had a good relationship with them and got on well with the managers," he said yesterday. "In the old days I used to take the bank manager out for a day's golfing. I had to give that up and started taking them out for lunch, but now that will have to stop."



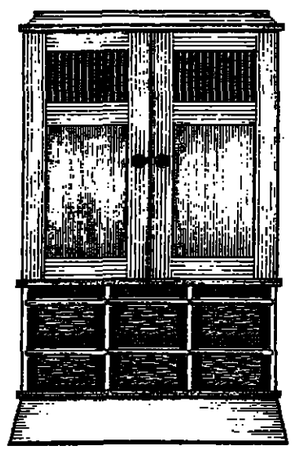
Reddall: paid for lunch twice over

Barclays denied yesterday that the bill was simply to cover the lunchtime meeting. Its spokesman, Tim Baxter, said: "Our manager had to read up the file before lunch and spend a lot of time doing paperwork afterwards."

NatWest said that if Mr Reddall had been its customer it would have charged him nothing at all. Lloyds has a standard fee of £55 an hour for management consultation, and the Midland said it charged £60 an hour.

Mr Reddall is considering shifting his account, but not with much enthusiasm. "It seems to me that I will only be leaping into another sea with another lot of sharks," he said.

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IRA men shot PC after gasworks attack, court told

BY RICHARD DUCE

A POLICE officer was shot three times at point-blank range when he inadvertently stopped IRA terrorists as they fled from planting bombs at a gasworks in Warrington, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

PC Mark Toker survived the murder attempt and will give evidence against two alleged members of an IRA active service unit said to have caused three explosions at the gasworks last February.

Damage was eventually limited to the destruction of one gas holder, but John Nutting, for the prosecution, said they had "determined to cause what they no doubt hoped would be a devastating series of explosions".

Two of the bombs failed to puncture the linings of the gas holders but had they done it would have been a "major disaster with considerable loss of life among residents near by", Mr Nutting said.

In their desperation to get away from Warrington, the terrorists abandoned their Mazda van after shooting PC Toker and hijacked a car, bundling the driver into the boot. They sped off towards Manchester but panicked and opened fire on a police car which began to give chase.

The stolen Ford Escort was then abandoned near the M62 but Pairic MacFhloinn was caught by a police dog and Denis Kinsella was discovered hiding in a ditch. A third man described in court as Michael Timmins escaped in the dark.

Mr MacFhloinn, 39, from Dublin and Mr Kinsella, 26, from Nottingham, deny a total of six charges alleging that they caused an explosion with intent to endanger life between February 24 and 27, attempted to murder PC Toker or alternatively cause him grievous bodily harm; the kidnapping of Lee Wright; attempting to murder PC Andrew MacKay and possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life.

Mr Kinsella's uncle, John Kinsella, 48, from Nottingham denies a charge of possessing Semtex with intent to endanger life.

Mr Nutting told the court how Mr MacFhloinn travelled from Ireland and met up with Mr Timmins, also thought to be from Ireland, at Denis Kinsella's flat in Nottingham where they finalised plans for the attack on the gasworks. Surplus explosives for the Warrington raid were then allegedly taken from the flat by John Kinsella and hidden at his home.

Mr Nutting said the men drove to Warrington on the evening of February 24 and cut through the perimeter fence of the gasworks with pliers later found in the abandoned Mazda. "They planted bombs to split open the tanks and incendiary devices to ignite the escaping gas."

Only one of the bombs succeeded in igniting gas inside a low pressure holder, sending an enormous fireball into the night sky.

The bombs were timed to explode well after the men had left but the plan began to unravel just before midnight when PC Toker stopped Denis Kinsella on suspicion of drink driving.

A breath test proved negative, but PC Toker insisted on checking the personal details of all three men in the van and on searching the vehicle. It was then that Mr MacFhloinn is alleged to have reached into the rear of the van and opened fire with a 9mm pistol.

PC Toker was shot in the stomach and twice in the leg but managed to radio for assistance as the terrorists sped off, Mr Nutting said.

Denis Kinsella drove out of Warrington to the village of Lym where the Mazda was abandoned. Lee Wright, a passing motorist, was forced from his Ford Escort at gunpoint and into its boot.

Almost an hour and a half after the shooting of PC Toker, the stolen car was heading towards Manchester when Mr Kinsella noticed a police van behind them. He accelerated, leading to a chase in which a shot was fired at PC MacKay.

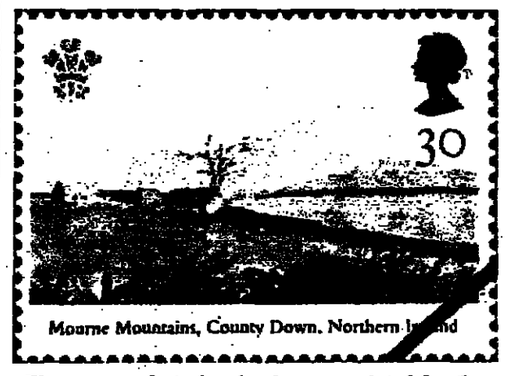
The trial continues today.



From left, MacFhloinn, Denis and John Kinsella



Rain and the first day of the entrance charge to Windsor Castle precincts fail to dampen the enthusiasm of a busload of visitors



Mourne Mountains, County Down, Northern Ireland



Dolwyddelan, Gwynedd, Cymru/Wales

Five stamps featuring landscapes painted by the Prince of Wales go on sale on March 1 to mark the 25th anniversary of his investiture. On that day, St David's Day, a touring exhibition of more than 50 of his watercolours opens in Cardiff. The 30p stamp, above, shows the Mourne Mountains, Co Down, and the 41p a royal view of Dolwyddelan, Gwynedd

Curious visitors pay £8 to see fire-damaged castle

BY ALAN HAMILTON

MORE than 1,000 hardy souls braved foul English weather and an £8 entrance charge yesterday to visit Windsor Castle on the first day that the curious masses had to pay at the gate.

Until now, entry to the precincts of the world's largest and oldest inhabited castle has been free, although there has always been a charge to see its innermost attractions, St George's Chapel and the State Apartments. The castle authorities insist that the new overall charge, for those who wish to see everything, is a saving of £1.

Not everyone who queued in the rain yesterday took such a charitable view. A party of 40 German students from Dortmund who would have been first through the portals turned and left when they discovered the new charges. "This is a protest march: the royal family's ancestors would have understood," Jens Scheiker, 19, muttered darkly.

Rainer Hatzky, the German students' teacher, said: "It is too much for my students to pay. There is no discount for parties or students, which is unfair. I think the Queen has enough money to pay for the repairs without charging people like us."

As with the opening of Buckingham Palace last summer, the new charges at Windsor are a direct result of the Queen agreeing to shoulder 70 per cent of the restoration bill for the Windsor fire, the total cost of which is estimated at between £30 million and £40 million. Michael Peat, director of finance for the Royal Household, has estimated that the new castle entrance charges should contribute £1.25 million to the fire fund in their first year.

The new charge includes everything except Queen Mary's Doll's House, which still costs an extra £1.50. The castle authorities offer a £25 annual season ticket, and local residents can apply for free passes.

The first tourists to pay the new charge were a Japanese couple who seemed bemused by the media attention. Not far behind them Nik Solechniki, a Russian who works at Egham, Surrey, declined to part with any money when he discovered the new arrangements. "I have been here before, but I certainly won't pay the fee today. What is the point? People should be allowed in the grounds free because that does not cause any wear and tear."

Ruth Wells, from Wokingham, Berkshire, brought her two children to see the castle but decided the new charge was "a rip-off" and turned away in the direction of a nearby McDonald's. But Jeff and Vivien Walsh from California took a kinder view: "If this money helps to restore the fire damage, we don't have any problem at all. This is a unique place, and it should be preserved."

Dickie Arbiter, spokesman for Royal Collection Enterprises, said the day's paid attendance at Windsor was 32 per cent up on the same day last year, and 95 per cent up on the equivalent day in 1992. A chance to peer through glass doors at the fire devastation was an added attraction.

Firewoman denies bias in service

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN on the same firefighting course as another who claims sex discrimination yesterday told an industrial tribunal that all recruits were treated cruelly, regardless of their gender.

Debbie Bruin, 34, was dismissed from Humberside fire service in June 1992 when assessors decided she would not be able to complete the training course. She alleges sexual discrimination, and claims she was told they did not want "another bloody woman" in the service.

Nicola Smith, a retained firefighter at Beverley who began training at the same time as Mrs Bruin, said she was treated cruelly at first, but all recruits were treated the same and had to earn the respect of other firefighters. She had not been aware of Mrs Bruin being treated differently, except that she had received more help.

Mrs Smith said she believed extra pressure to succeed was put on Mrs Bruin, a housewife from Beverley, by her husband. But she simply could not do the job. "She had every opportunity, there was extra training given," Mrs Smith told the hearing at Hull. "Women at Beverley station are not a novelty."

Barry Parsons, a divisional officer who investigated complaints by Mrs Bruin, also said she had been given "every opportunity". The hearing was told that she got stuck crawling through a metal tube that had been specially manufactured to assist her during a breathing apparatus test.

The case resumes today.

Fostering ban on fertility drug wife

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A COUPLE have been turned down as foster parents because the wife is undergoing fertility treatment. Social services officials said the decision was made because the couple might consider a foster child second best if they have a child of their own.

Philip Eastwood, 33, a police constable, and his wife Nichola, 31, a nursery nurse from Brighouse, West Yorkshire, believed they were ideal candidates when they applied to Calderdale council to become foster parents.

Mr Eastwood said: "I would have thought that our desire to have children of our own would have made us just the sort of couple they were looking for. We have a nice home, no financial worries and we have a great deal of love to give to children who might otherwise spend their lives in the care of the local authority."

When the couple, who have been married eight years, told the Calderdale fostering and adoption unit that Mrs Eastwood had started using fertility drugs three years ago, their application was rejected. Mr Eastwood said he was told that if they wanted to be considered, his wife would have to stop treatment.

Calderdale decided in 1982 not to accept women taking fertility drugs after a girl aged two was killed by her foster mother, who was receiving treatment. Marel Denton, Calderdale's director of social services, said: "We cannot take the risk of that happening again. The decision is not just based on the bad experience in Calderdale, but also on national research. This shows couples having fertility treatment are under tremendous emotional stress, which can cause a lot of tension."

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The Eastwoods: rejected because of fertility treatment

Five brothers found living in squalor

BY PAUL WILKINSON

FIVE brothers, aged from six months to six years, have been found living in a house described by a social services leader as "a toilet". The baby was in a badly soiled nappy and suffering from severe nappy rash and the others were smeared in excrement which covered the floor.

Police were last night searching for the children's 22-year-old mother who fled when they called. The alarm was raised by the estranged father of the six-month-old child who had gone to see his son at the house in Seacroft, Leeds, on Sunday night.

Yesterday he was granted temporary custody of the baby while the other children were being looked after by a foster couple.

Michael Simmons, the chairman of Leeds social services, said: "This would rank among the worse cases of its kind I have ever come across. They were found in appalling conditions. There was excrement all over the floor and stairs and the children's feet were covered in it. The whole place was a toilet."

He said the family was well known to social services and the children had been taken into care before. The four oldest, aged six, four, three and two years, have been placed with Francis and Christine Donbavand, who won Relate's 1992 Family of the Year award. Mrs Donbavand, 41, from Leeds, said when the children arrived they stank of urine. "They did nothing but cry nearly all night. My eldest daughters got out of their own beds to sleep near them because they wouldn't let go of them, but now they are all smiling."

Leeds social services will be seeking an interim care order today to allow time to consider the children's future.

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Convoy veterans win fight to wear Russian medal

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of Second World War veterans who had been barred by the Foreign Office from wearing the Russian Commemorative Medal in honour of their role in the Arctic convoys can now display it next to their campaign medals — by order of the Queen.

The change of heart by the Foreign Office and the official approval by the Queen for unrestricted wearing of the Russian medal came after a personal appeal to the Palace by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, a former Chief of the Defence Staff.

After the former Soviet Union issued the medal in 1985 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Great Patriotic War, the Foreign Office ruled that eligible British veterans who served on the convoys or operated from bases in the Soviet Union would be allowed to accept it as a "souvenir or keepsake" but not to wear it as an official award.

The ruling was based on a decree by King George VI in 1951, under which foreign medals awarded for services dating back more than five years could not be approved by Whitehall because of the difficulty of checking through war records to see who was eligible.

Ministers have also recently stated that service on the Russian convoys had been recognised by the award of the Atlantic Star. This was always disputed by the Arctic veterans.

About 14,000 convoy veterans and other wartime servicemen, including members of RAF fighter and bomber squadrons which operated from north Russian bases, are known to have received the Russian Commemorative Medal.

Only the Queen could give permission for the medal to be worn, but the Palace was not involved in the decision to ban it. Last night approval was granted in recognition of the "changed relationship" between Britain and Russia.

In his appeal to the Queen and the Foreign Office, Lord Lewin cited the precedent of the commemorative medal issued by the Maltese government in 1991 on the 50th anniversary of the award of the George Cross to Malta. The Queen had accepted an invitation to visit Malta the following year and the Foreign Office advised that permission to wear the medal should be granted to British veterans who served in Malta and were eligible for the award.

He also said that a number of British servicemen had been given special awards for their part in the Russian convoys and in RAF missions in north Russia and were allowed by George VI to wear the medals, such as the Order of Lenin and the Order of the Red Banner.



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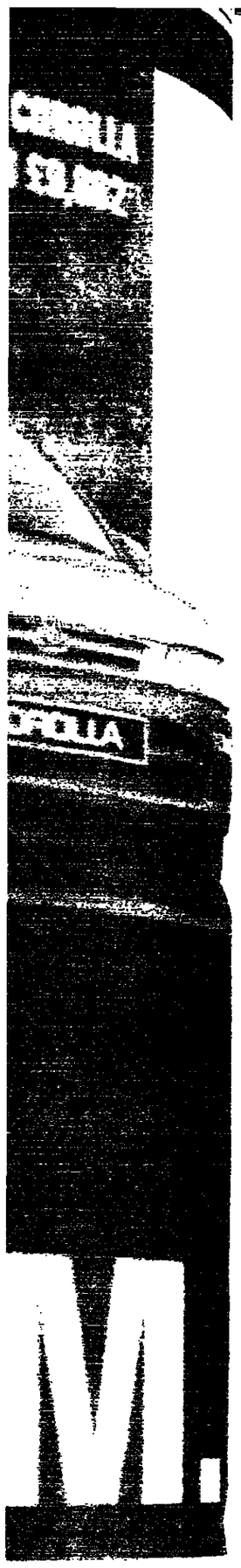
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Son screamed for mercy as 'voices' told mother to kill

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BOY on a register of children at risk was heard screaming for mercy shortly before he and his sister were killed by their mentally ill mother, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Sharon Dalson, 24, of Tottenham, north London, was sent to Rampton high-security hospital indefinitely after admitting the manslaughter of her son Jason, 6, and daughter Natalia, 5, on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Martin Heslop, for the prosecution, said that social workers had not applied for a formal care order for the children, whose mother suffered from acute psychotic schizophrenia and heard voices ordering her to kill. Instead they approved an informal arrangement for them to live near by with their grandmother. Effectively, they continued to live for much of the time with their mother.

The children were found naked in bed in August 1992. Jason had been strangled and Natalia suffocated.

Mr Heslop said: "It is clear that the children spent much of the time back at home living with their mother, a fact that was reported to the social services. But it seems they took no steps to ensure they were returned to the grandmother."

Neighbours later blamed social workers for allowing the children to fall through the safety net. Dalia Sanchez, 56, said: "There were sure signs that she wasn't in her right mind and they should have acted. They ... looked like happy children, but they were very frightened of their mum."

Mr Heslop told the court that, in the days before the killings, neighbours heard harrowing screams from the children. He said that Dalson had a long history of psychiatric problems and came to the attention of Haringey social services in September 1988. The children were put on an at-risk register.

In February 1992, Dalson was made the subject of a hospital order after threatening to wound herself and the children.

Eleven days before he died, Jason was heard shouting: "No Mummy, please, no." But police answering a 999 call found everything apparently normal.

Just before the children died, Jason gave another terrible cry. Screaming lasted 15 to 20 minutes.

Police found gas escaping in her home and plastic bags put against a door. She had written a letter to her mother asking for herself and her children to be buried together.

Dalson said: "The voices, they made me do it. Oh God, I have killed them. They made me, it was not me." She had attempted to hang Jason, probably with loudspeaker wire, before strangling him.

Toby Harris, leader of Haringey council, said after the case: "It's clear, with hindsight, there are a number of things that might have been handled better. We want to learn something from the case to ensure loopholes are closed."

A council spokeswoman said that recommendations from an independent review, commissioned after the deaths, would be adopted.

CSA ignores review pleas from father

BY KATE ALDERSON

A DIVORCED father who appealed twice to the Child Support Agency for a review of his increased payments received a bill for more than £2,000 on Christmas Eve.

His appeals were ignored and he has been warned that he must pay by January 15 or the money will be taken directly from his salary.

The agency said yesterday that the written requests for a review by James Hart, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, had been ignored twice. A spokeswoman said: "It appears to be the case that he has not had a reply, in which case we would apologise."

Mr Hart, 27, said he has been made to feel "like a criminal living in fear". He said he made his first appeal to the agency's Dudley branch in the West Midlands, his former wife's local office, in October after he had been told his monthly payments were to rise from £175 a month to £345.

He did not receive a reply and sent another request for appeal in November by recorded delivery. The agency sent him a letter, mis-spelling his surname, saying it had received his complaint and would reply within ten days.

Mr Hart heard nothing until he received a bill for £2,004 in backdated payments. No reference was made to his two appeals.

Mr Hart was divorced from his wife Melissa in California in 1992 and under a legal agreement has paid maintenance since that date. They sold their house and other assets and agreed that Mrs Hart should receive £50,000 of the £60,000 total.

The Bankruptcy Association of Great Britain and Ireland said yesterday that hundreds of people are expected to declare themselves bankrupt by the end of the year because of pressure from the agency.



Hart agency failed to answer written requests

Education Secretary spares the rod — but regrets its passing

CHRIS HARRIS



John Patten yesterday, announcing his new blueprint for problem pupils, which does not include a return to corporal punishment

Why Patten the schoolboy needed a beating

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

John Patten, the Education Secretary, yesterday regretted the passing of corporal punishment in schools, and disclosed that he had been "flogged" once or twice by his Jesuit schoolmasters.

Mr Patten joined such illustrious politicians as Winston Churchill and Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who flourished in the parliamentary bearpit after being beaten or administering the cane at school. However, Mr Patten will be one of the last.

Today the swish of the cane, once as traditionally English as the sound of leather on willow, rarely echoes across the quadrangles of Britain's most famous private schools.

Only a handful of the 2,500 independent schools are believed still to use corporal punishment, outlawed in state schools in 1987 after a decision by the European Court of Human Rights. At least 300 independent schools with assisted-place pupils are also banned from using it.

Hulme Grammar School in Oldham is one of the last schools in the elite Headmasters' Conference group that retains the option of beating its pupils. Geoffrey Dunkin, the headmaster, has caned six boys in seven years at the £3,000-a-year boys' school.

Mr Dunkin said: "It is a symbolic punishment that does not reduce boys to a gibbering wreck like the cat o' nine tails. It is used for serious offences, such as theft or where the police would be involved, as an alternative to expulsion.

"Everyone knows it is there in the background if necessary — like the hydrogen bomb, it is the ultimate deterrent."

On the infrequent occasion that Mr Dunkin administers three strokes of his cane to a miscreant's hand, he follows a strict procedure to reduce the chance of any legal challenge. The consent of both pupil and parents is always secured, the punishment is witnessed by another teacher and details are carefully recorded in a punishment book.

Arthur Hearndon, general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council, said corporal punishment was "virtually non-existent" among its 1,400 member schools. The climate of opinion among parents and teachers was that caning was no longer appropriate, he said. "The proof of the pudding is that it hardly happens any more."

Dr Heardon said that those few schools which retained corporal punishment often did so as a point of principle, refusing to abolish the cane formally simply because they did not like being told that they should. An attempt to extend the ban on physical punishment to all private schools was defeated by seven votes in the House of Lords last summer.

Mr Patten, who attended Wimbledon College in west London, formerly a grammar school, told a London news conference yesterday that although he never administered corporal punishment, he was beaten. "I did experience it once or twice," he said. "The Jesuits flogged me from time to time. I remember it started because I had difficulties with the proof of the second theorem and it went on."

Samuel Johnson would have approved. He wrote in 1775: "There is now less flogging in our great schools than formerly, but then less is learned there; so that what the boys get at one end they lose at the other."

But Peter Newall, of the campaigners End Physical Punishment of Children (EPOCH), said: "We welcome Mr Patten's confirmation that corporal punishment is a 'dead issue'. One leaves it to the public to decide whether it did him any harm."

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Pay-as-you-drive trial to start next year

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE M25, Europe's busiest motorway, may become a testbed for the Government's plans to make drivers pay for using motorways.

John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday that, after laboratory tests, trials would take place on a motorway next year. Once the technical problems had been solved, charging could be introduced on the 1,400-mile network by 1998.

Mr MacGregor's aim is that before charging is introduced, the technology has to be virtually foolproof. The M25, which carries up to 12,000 vehicles an hour on some sections, would present the greatest challenge to electronic toll technology.

Various systems will be fitted to 2,000 cars and lorries which regularly use motorways before a final decision is taken. More than 100 technology companies that want to share what could be a highly profitable venture have approached the transport department with their ideas.

Mr MacGregor said that although one version of electronic tolling was in place on the second Dartford crossing, the system was not sophisticated enough to cope with motorway traffic. "We have taken the decision in principle and said we will go ahead, but the technology is not yet available for British conditions," he said. The plan would require legislation in Parliament, he said on the BBC Radio 4 programme *Today*.

Once the technology has been mastered, motorists can expect to pay about 1.5p a mile and lorries about 4.5p a mile. Mr MacGregor said that pricing was a sensitive issue, as pitching charges too high could force thousands of vehicles off motorways and on to "rat run" routes through towns and villages. He hoped electronic charging would raise about £700 million a year for Britain's roads, which threaten to be swamped by traffic increases of up to 60 per cent by 2010.

The Transport Secretary has ruled out toll booths as causing intolerable delays and taking too much land. He has also discounted windscreen display tickets, for which every motorist would be charged, on the ground that they would be unfair to those who rarely or never use motorways.

He said it was expected that the technology would be fully available and the infrastructure in place by about 1998.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
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Nunn Shall Pass

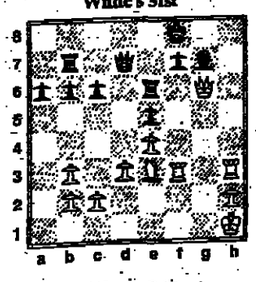
IN the battle for the leadership at Hastings, the UK's premier all-play-all grandmaster tournament, Dr. John Nunn of London has passed the Russian Grandmaster Mikhail Krasenkov after the sixth round. Krasenkov could only draw against Sherbakov while Nunn won a game of superbly controlled aggression against the Indian Grandmaster Barua. The climax of Nunn's attack came with the demolition sacrifice 31 Rh8+ which ultimately forces Black to give up his queen for insufficient compensation.

White: John Nunn
Black: Dibyendu Barua
Hastings Premier, December 1993

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Bb5	Nd4
5	Be4	c6
6	0-0	Nxf3+
7	Qxf3	d6
8	d3	h6
9	Qe2	Be6
10	Bb3	Bxb3
11	axb3	g6
12	f4	Bg7
13	fxe5	dxe5
14	Qf3	Qe7
15	Be3	a6
16	Kh1	Nd7
17	Qh3	h5
18	Rf3	0-0
19	g4	hxg4
20	Qxg4	Nf6
21	Qh4	Qe6
22	Bc5	Rfe8
23	Rg1	Nh5
24	Ne2	Rab8
25	Ng3	Nxg3+
26	Rgxg3	b6
27	Be3	Qd7
28	Rh3	Kf8
29	Qh7	Rb7
30	Qxg6	Re6
31	Rb8+	

Diagram for position after White's 31st



31	...	Bxh8
32	Bh6+	Ke7
33	Rxd7+	Black resigns

Round six results
Hebden - Hennigan Draw
Nunn - Barua 1-0
Rogers - Gurevich 0-1
Sadler - Arakhamia 0-1
Sherbakov - Krasenkov Draw

Scores after six rounds:
5 Nunn
4.5 Krasenkov
3.5 Hebden, Arakhamia
3 Gurevich, Hennigan
2.5 Sadler
2 Barua
1.5 Sherbakov, Rogers

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Worried women make it to the top

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ANXIOUS and introverted women are more likely to succeed in the male dominated world of business and the professions than their more relaxed and outgoing peers, psychologists reported yesterday.

Women have more difficulty gaining promotion than men, but those who succeed in penetrating the "glass ceiling" into higher management have better personal and professional skills than the average male manager.

The findings, presented to a British Psychological Society conference in Birmingham yesterday by researchers from the University of Central Lancashire, show that contrary to current belief women do not have to adopt masculine stereotypes to succeed. The typical male manager is extrovert, dominant and adopts a tough poise, but his female counterpart is likely to be quieter and more restrained as well as having better interpersonal skills.

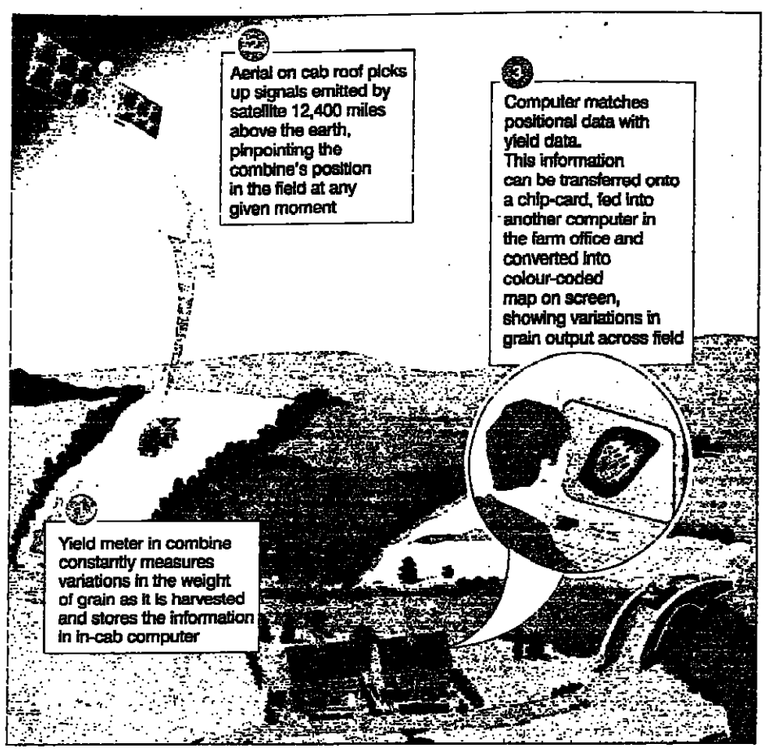
However, high-flying women frequently have hostile relationships with their mothers, according to an investigation by psychologists at Liverpool and Manchester Universities. Almost half the women studied said they had either remote relationships with their parents or a poor relationship with their mother. Other research has shown that the loss of or separation from a parent has helped high flyers to develop an ability to cope alone.

"It would seem that early separation from parents facilitates the development of a separate sense of identity which in turn engenders a high need for achievement and a need to have an independent impact on the environment," Dr Barbara White and Professor Cary Cooper suggest in a paper for the conference.

Their investigation found that more than a third of the women were dedicated to a career from an early age. In others, this dedication was delayed until they had rejected the role of housewife or separated from their partner.

Only one in five of the women felt their family took priority over their working lives. Half had children, whom they said provided them with a "stable base", and did not see work and family as being mutually exclusive.

☐ Job-seekers who admit personal failings are more likely to be successful than "arrogant" high flyers, Dr Jo Silvester, a psychologist from Leeds University, told the conference. Interviewers loathe people who blame others for mistakes and automatically mark them down.



Spy in the sky speeds the plough

New technology that indicates poor soil areas in arable fields is helping farmers to boost yields, writes **Michael Hornsby**

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land.
But it is fed and water'd
By God's almighty hand.

Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-78)

FARMERS will be looking to satellites and computer science rather than the hand of God in their bid to boost yields this year.

They now have the means to control the output of their fields with a precision undreamt of a few years ago — let alone by 19th-century hymn writers — even though the vagaries of weather can still upset their best-laid plans despite modern forecasting methods.

The newest technology, recently on display at the Royal Smithfield Show, is being pioneered by Massey Ferguson.

The first step came five years ago when the company produced a combine harvester fitted with a computer that gives crop yield readings every few seconds as the machine moves through the field. Now a way has been found to convert the data into a detailed "yield map".

An aerial on the harvester's roof picks up and amplifies signals emitted by a network of satellites — known as the Global Positioning System — placed in orbit more than 12,400 miles above the Earth by the United States military.

Electronic navigation equipment uses the signals to pinpoint the harvester's position in the field and the in-cab computer simultaneously matches this data with the yield readings.

At the end of the day, the farmer can download the information on to another computer in his office and call on screen a colour-coded map showing the exact variation in yield — measured in tonnes of grain per hectare (2.5 acres) — in almost every square metre of the field.

Philip Chamberlain, who manages 2,800 arable acres near Wallingford, Oxfordshire, was one of eight British farmers who tried the system last year.

He said it has already proved its worth.

"We were surprised to discover in one field that the crop yield was 50 per cent lower down one side as we could not see any obvious reason why," Mr Chamberlain said. "Closer investigation revealed the existence of a pan, a layer of compacted soil beneath the surface, that was inhibiting crop growth."

Research shows that crop yields can vary by as much as 80 per cent within the same field, because of uneven distribution of soil nutrients or differences in the numbers of weeds and pests.

This is often not apparent to the farmer who applies seed, fertiliser and herbicides at an even rate, with the result that some areas get much more than they need and others not enough.

Armed with a yield map, farmers will soon be able to vary the application of seed and chemicals according to need, using computer-controlled sprayers and seed-drillers that can be programmed to do this automatically in line with the data on the map.

Mr Chamberlain spends £50,000 a year on fertiliser. He does not expect to reduce that expenditure, but hopes to boost yield and profits by using the same amount of fertiliser more efficiently. He calculates that he should be able to recover the £10,000 cost of the computer equipment in a year or two.

God's almighty hand may still water the land, but soon little else will be left to providence.

Raid victim is marched to cashpoint

An early morning intruder forced a 34-year-old computer analyst out of bed at knifepoint, frogmarched him for a mile to a cashpoint machine at Bishopston, Bristol, and made him withdraw the maximum of £200.

The victim, who had been compelled to wear a crash helmet, tried unsuccessfully to draw attention to his plight on the march by stumbling into dustbins and a cycle rack. The robber, a young man of mixed race, ran off with the money.

Gang attack

Two men are in hospital, one under police guard, after a gang armed with baseball bats beat up three men in a house at Illingworth, West Yorkshire. Armed police arrested three men in a pub.

Smear all-clear

The 362 women who asked for fresh smear tests after a nurse used the wrong spatula at two Birmingham surgeries have been cleared of cancer. Another 746 have not responded to a recall letter.

Double escape

Two Algerian illegal immigrants, who fled French police when Britain sent them back across the Channel, returned to Portsmouth and evaded Group 4 custody.

Seafront body

The charred body of an unidentified man was found in a seafront shelter at Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. Police say the death is not suspicious.

Nurse killed

A nurse, Kathleen Milroy, 34, was found strangled in a garden near her home in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. A man has been arrested.

Drain brains

Abu Dhabi is to buy sewer drain covers designed by a company at Holwell, Leicestershire, to repel snakes.

Girl charged

A girl aged 16 was remanded into care by Swindon youth court, Wiltshire, charged with trying to murder a boy of 15.

Baton adopted

Avon and Somerset police has become the first force to replace traditional truncheons with telescopic batons.

Royal fare

The Prince of Wales is to promote a range of seafood products from his Cornwall estate.

Beer and spirits buried at secret dumps as criminals try to exploit single market

Bulldozers dig deep to stem flood of smuggled alcohol

BY BILL FROST

CONFRONTED by rising oceans of contraband alcohol and mountains of confiscated cigarettes, Customs and Excise officers have abandoned traditional methods of destruction and are bulldozing the booty with household refuse.

Such is the volume of beer, wine and spirits seized from smugglers shuttling between the Channel ports and French hypermarkets that the bottles can no longer be poured into the common sewer. Container lorries, escorted by customs officers, are transporting the alcohol to land-fill sites. Last month more than ten tons of beer, wine and spirits confiscated at Dover were destroyed at a secret site in Kent.

Bruce Davies, the Customs and Excise assistant collector at the port, said yesterday that an army of smugglers had taken advantage of the single European market during the past year. "Once, the alcohol we seized was taken to the water authority to be poured down the common sewer," he said. "For reasons of quantity and because of environmental concerns, that is no longer possible."

Before being taken for destruction, contraband is stored at the Queen's Warehouse in Dover. "Security is extremely tight for obvious reasons and unfortunately business has never been brisker." Increasing quantities of confiscated tobacco and drugs are also stored at warehouses across the country, where they are destroyed in incinerators known as the Queen's Pipe.

Mr Davies said that criminal gangs had set up nationwide distribution networks with the advent of the single market. "These gangs pose the most worrying level of activity," he said. "But there are a number of tiers beneath them. For example, you have the man who puts together a group of 15 or so unemployed people and gets them shuttling across to France to buy drink and tobacco a couple of times a day for anything up to a week at a time.

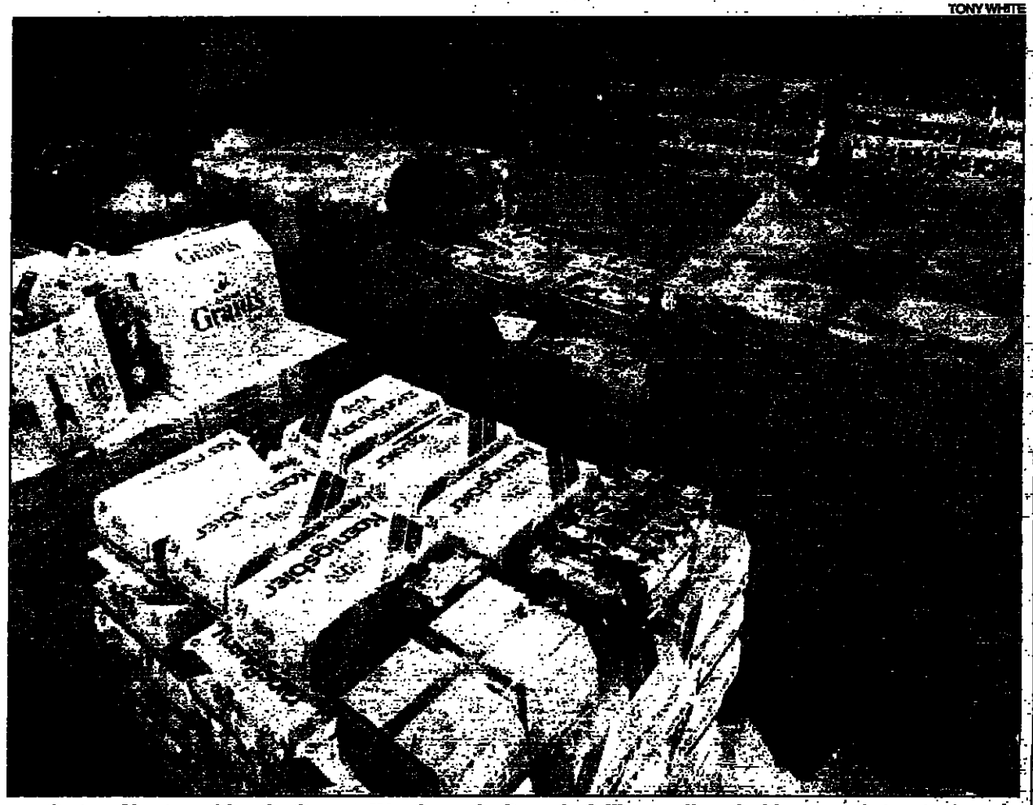
"Then you have the local businessman who fills up his van across the Channel and sells it on at a car boot sale. At the bottom of the hierarchy is the individual who is popping over to France and offers to bring you back a couple of bottles at a price."

Despite being grossly overladen with alcohol and tobacco, some couriers — or "mules" — still attempt to convince officers that it is for personal consumption. "Few would be convinced when an unemployed man found with 23 kilos of hand-rolling tobacco tells you he intends to smoke it all himself, but it happens all the time," Mr Davies said.

While some smugglers are intercepted at the port, others are followed to their destination by customs officers seeking to unravel the operation. Mr Davies said: "Intelligence gathering is crucial, as sometimes these people are involved in a much more sinister form of smuggling." A driver stopped in Dover recently had hidden a large consignment of cannabis beneath piled cases of beer in his car boot.

Other Queen's Warehouses were said yesterday to be in a similar position to Dover.

TONY WHITE



Crates of booty making the Queen's Warehouse in Dover look like a well-stocked hypermarket yesterday

Andy Honour, a Customs and Excise official in the East Midlands, said: "They are bursting at the seams now and we can no longer simply pour the alcohol down the common sewer. Bulldozing the beer and wine into land-fill sites would seem the best way out."

But with so many deserving causes crying out for financial support why should contraband not be auctioned for the greater good? Desmond Barratt-Denyer, of Customs and Excise, said last night that such was the volume of seized goods that such a course of action would distort the market.

"Before the single market, we did give confiscated drink to charities. Confiscated tobacco was handed to the armed forces. Now, though, we would be accused of being a sort of cut-price government off-licence if we did that."



Mike Golding preparing his boat before setting sail

Yachtsman on course to beat Blyth record

BY BARRY PICKTHALL, YACHTING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE Golding, the former fireman who is trying to break Chay Blyth's solo round-the-world sailing record, rounded Cape Horn yesterday.

He had endured strong head winds for almost a week, but rounded the American continent's southern tip shortly before 09:00GMT, 23 days ahead of Mr Blyth's record voyage against the prevailing winds 22 years ago.

Mr Golding, 33, who broke two fingers last week while winding a winch, has made remarkable progress since setting sail from Southampton on November 21. He has completed the first 7,500 miles in 44 days, an average speed of 6.8 knots.

Mr Blyth took 67 days to reach the same point and lost his steering shortly after rounding the Horn, forcing him to steer his ketch *British Steel* the remaining 20,000 miles himself.

Mr Golding reported yesterday that he too is suffering problems with self-steering. The electronic steering system installed on his 67ft yacht, *Group 4 Securitas*, has worn the rudder quadrant.

"It is an enormous chunk of engineering and I am amazed to find any wear this early in the voyage. The loads on it must be tremendous. I will need to keep a very close eye on it from now on," Mr Golding, from Berkshire, said.

Four days ago, a school of pilot whales surrounded the boat. Mr Golding said: "I hate being becalmed but it was wonderful to see these large sea mammals. They swam right up to the boat and even flipped over under the stern to look up at me. At times I could have reached over and touched them."

Mr Blyth took 292 days to complete the 27,000-mile circumnavigation non-stop. Mr Golding hopes to cut at least 100 days off the record. Ahead of him, however, lies the Southern Ocean and Roaring Forties. If all goes well, he expects to return to Southampton in April.

Commuters pay penalty in fight for inner cities

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE British obsession with living in the country and commuting into towns is to be challenged by the Government amid fears that it is speeding the decline of some inner city areas into American-style ghettos.

The last of a string of planning rules will be put in place over the coming months, intended to break the slow but steady march of populations from the centre of cities. The strategy will make it harder for local authorities to allow new settlements, superstores and commercial developments outside towns.

It is being allied to increased petrol taxes and running costs for cars so that using private vehicles to commute, shop or ferry children long distances becomes less attractive.

David Curry, the environment minister, said: "If people want to live in the countryside, it is not my job to say they are morally reprehensible. But neither is it my job to permit a planning system that gives people no choice but to move out to Chez Nous.

"We have seen what has happened in the States if people flee the inner cities. We have got to start now to stop this happening here."

One effect could be an increase in land, office and house prices in cities as developers are pushed away from suburban and rural sites.

Figures produced recently by the Civic Trust as part of its Campaign for Liveable Places show that areas including Merseyside, Greater London, Tyneside and the West Midlands have lost between 2 and 5 per cent of their populations between 1981 and 1990.

The exodus has led to development pressures in counties such as Buckinghamshire, West Sussex and Berkshire, where populations have risen between 5.1 and 10 per cent.

Mr Curry said that the new strategy was also aimed at helping Britain meet international commitments to cut carbon gas emissions. Traffic now accounts for an increasing proportion of these and new roads, built partly to satisfy commuters, are threatening wildlife sites. Recolonising the inner cities puts people at the hub of public transport networks.

Mr Curry said it could also cut the costs of crime. "If you can get more women feeling confident about going out at night you will tackle many problems of security and make cities much safer ... There is no point in the Home Office initiating 15 Bills per session on law and order if we do not address idiotically simple security questions in towns and cities."

The strategy follows a report, compiled on behalf of the transport and environment departments by a firm called ECOTEC Research and Consulting in association with Transportation Planning Associates. It shows that people in less densely populated communities travel an average 82 miles a week by car. People living in more crowded, inner-city areas travel 50 miles a week by car.

Nick de Lothbiniere, a partner at Grimley J.R. Eve in London, said that increasing the household densities in cities might have an apparent link with poverty and urban decay. But research carried out for the House Builders' Federation indicated that some of London's wealthiest boroughs had high housing densities.

Out-of-town store blocked

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE first project affected by the strategy was a Tesco supermarket, to be developed at the junction of the M11 at Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

It was approved by the planning inspector but is being reassessed by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

He said recently that he attached considerable weight to utilisation of the land-use planning system to reduce the demand for travel. A planning inspector, considering a recent proposal for a Safeway supermarket to be built on the eastern edge of Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, recommended that the scheme should be shelved in favour of a denser network of stores in the town.

The inspector said that such a network of stores would "be likely to reduce total car milage drive by Redditch residents on shopping trips ... I regard [this factor] as being a significant advantage."

Also, a 350-home village proposed outside Kettering in Northamptonshire has been shelved in favour of a larger scheme.

The environment department's inspector ruled that the original proposal was not sustainable unless it included more homes and infrastructure such as a village school.

Chris Elliott, chief assistant planner at Kettering Borough Council, said: "Journeys to primary school are an important generator of traffic. The council has agreed to make amendments."

Warning bells ring for noisy car alarms

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DRIVERS whose car alarms disrupt the night may find their vehicle disappearing to a far-away car pound from today.

New laws come into force aimed at reducing street noise. They supplement laws under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, which allow councils to stop neighbours playing loud music, arguing or practising the trombone at 4am.

The new laws will allow local authority staff to break into cars, disarm alarms or remove cars. They also herald a clampdown on buskers with amplifiers and DIY enthusiasts or contractors operating noisy machinery.

Environmental health officers will have powers to test in the courts a range of environmentally polluting sounds that can turn peace-loving people into irate neighbours.

Children with irritating radio-controlled aircraft may also be deemed to be breaking the law.

Nick Wilson, assistant secretary of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers, said yesterday: "The laws have been drafted to cover a wide range of possibilities ... I look forward with interest to the first case."

But the laws, which soon will require householders with burglar alarms to give the police details of neighbours, family and friends with keys, may be difficult to enforce, he said.

Anyone who complains but fails to get a satisfactory response from their council will be able to take the case to a local ombudsman.

Lessons of Braer oil spill 'ignored'

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

FRESH demands for the Government to ban tankers from sailing close to environmentally sensitive areas were made yesterday, one year after the *Braer* ran aground off Shetland, spilling 85,000 tonnes of oil into the sea.

Environmental groups claimed the Government's policy of voluntary measures were totally inadequate and were courting disaster.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said that, in spite of a voluntary code, tankers were still free to go wherever they wished. It called for mandatory monitoring of tanker routes and of their positions. The society said that voluntary routes taking tankers away from environmentally sensitive areas should be made compulsory by the International Maritime Organisation.



Wallace: "Government has done nothing"

Numast, the merchant navy officers' union, said that the growing number of "rust-buckets" operating off the coastline meant another serious shipping disaster was "inevitable".

Jim Wallace, MP for Shetland and Orkney, said the Government had "learnt nothing and done nothing" to improve shipping safety since the disaster. He said he would renew demands for a public enquiry if the Lord Donaldson enquiry into pollution from merchant shipping, due later this year, left questions about the *Braer* grounding unanswered.

Mr Wallace added: "Since the *Braer* grounded, the Marine Accident Investigation Branch has failed to publish any report and the Transport Department has declined to instal radar or arrange for aerial surveillance around the coast and has excluded tankers carrying ballast water from categories of ships to which the areas of avoidance should apply."

Dr Jonathan Wills, a Shetland councillor, said: "The council did a radar survey in June. Of nine tankers passing through Sumburgh Head, five breached the voluntary code of practice and one came dangerously close to the *Braer*. If that is happening in a quiet week in June when there is a lot of light, what is happening in the winter months?"

Since the disaster, the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund has paid out £20 million to those affected, but the Shetland Islands Council has estimated that the eventual costs will be nearer £50 million. The biggest share, of £12.5 million, has been paid to salmon farmers who had to destroy about 2.5 million fish.

Maurice Mullay, head of tourism for the islands, also claimed the compensation fund had frustrated efforts to gain fair compensation for damage to the holiday industry. He said the loss to the industry so far was £1.3 million and rising against compensation to date of just £71,000.

Carey claims Sudanese have scored 'own goal'

■ The Archbishop of Canterbury has forthrightly criticised Khartoum's expulsion of the British ambassador. But the envoy also has his detractors

BY DAVID WATTS AND RUTH GLEDHILL

BRITAIN last night gave the Sudanese ambassador 14 days to leave the country after Sudan declined to reconsider its decision to expel the British ambassador.

On his return to Britain, Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said Khartoum's expulsion of Peter Streams was an "own goal". African sources said, however, that the ambassador had become an obstacle to relations between Britain and Sudan.

The Foreign Office said its order for Ali Osman Yassin to leave was the "inevitable consequence" of Sudan sticking by its expulsion of Mr Streams. Britain would not agree to the appointment of a successor to Mr Yassin and there were no plans to replace Mr Streams.

The immediate cause of Sudan's decision to expel Mr Streams appeared to be the controversy over the Archbishop's visit to the southern,



Yassin: Foreign Office was left no alternative

mainly Christian, part of the country. The African sources, however, said the real problem lay in the deteriorating relationship between Mr Streams and Sudanese ministers and officials. "His relations with all officials have become very difficult, and he has been very undiplomatic in the way he expresses things," one source said.

Mr Streams had also made it clear that he believed the Sudanese government was not worthy of recognition. It had been reported more than once that Mr Streams felt he was in Khartoum to oppose the government and, the source said, "he has been saying that too frequently and too openly".

Sudanese sources said the government had been looking forward to Dr Carey's visit to Khartoum, but there had been an attempt to impose a different agenda. "The government is very keen to have good relations with Western countries, even though it is one of the more independent-minded governments in Africa and the Middle East."

At a press conference at Lambeth Palace yesterday, Dr Carey said the international community needed to show "greater energy and imagination" in the search for peace in Sudan. He denied that his visit had been provocative. He was in fact disappointed that he had been unable to visit the North of the country. "If the opportunity arose I would gladly go as long as I went as the guest of the church and if people there could have free access to me," he said.

Dr Carey described the expulsion of Mr Streams as an "overeaction", saying: "I was very surprised that my refusal to go as an official guest was given as one of the reasons for his expulsion." He added: "They [the Sudanese] would have every reason to object if I was the head of state. If you are head of state you go as the guest of the government. I was going as the guest of the Episcopal Church." He said he hoped there would not be reprisals against areas he had visited, but people in the South had told him they would not be surprised if some places were bombed by the military after he left. "I hope the government will not take any action like that," he said. "Many people are watching to see if these fears are realised."

Dr Carey contrasted the Church of England with the Episcopal Church in Sudan. "We have been so concerned about survival, about financial matters, even about the ordination of women, that our attention has moved ... away from those primary life and death issues," he said.

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A great beauty's journey into old age captured by the camera. From left, Garbo aged 28; in her last film at 36; as seen by Cecil Beaton at 54; and at 84, a year before she died

Tapes reveal fervour of Garbo's wish to be alone

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

She wanted to be alone, but quite how neurotically Greta Garbo demanded and defended her solitude has only now been revealed.

A series of tape-recorded conversations between the late actress and Sam Green, an art dealer and her one-time friend, portray a woman who combined narcissism with a fanatical determination to protect her privacy. The tapes, obtained by Barry Paris, author of a new biography of the star, are published for the first time in this month's *Vanity Fair* magazine.

To judge by their contents, Garbo's eccentricities were legion, ranging from a love of soap opera to spontaneous tree-hugging and a morbid terror of air-conditioning. Her fear of entering an air-conditioned building was so great, indeed, that she insisted on a dentist examining her teeth on a bench in Central Park.

After making her last film, *Two-Faced Woman*, Greta Lovisa Gustafsson left Hollywood forever in 1941, taking with her an unparalleled and still undiminished beauty and a fierce detestation of the Hollywood publicity machine. An apartment on East 52nd Street in Manhattan became her sanctuary until her death on April 15, 1990.

Her friendships were few, carefully controlled and often ultimately unhappy. Her relationship with George and Valentina Schlee, which Paris describes as an "odd ménage a trois", ended in bitterness after George Schlee's death. Garbo was banned from the funeral service and Valentina went to the extraordinary length of having her apartment exorcised by an Orthodox priest to remove any trace of the woman she referred to as "that vampire".

Despite the fact that few people ever saw it and that she never entertained, Garbo's apartment was lavishly furnished, although many of the paintings were covered over and the dining table, big enough to seat 12, was never used. "Garbo turned the apartment into a womb-like refuge that precisely suited her Spartan requirements," writes Paris, whose *Garbo* will be published this spring. She told her friends: "Don't ever ask me questions", and she resolutely refused to discuss either her acting career or her Hollywood years.

"The story of my life," she said, "is about back entrances and side doors and secret elevators and other ways of getting in and out of places so that people won't bother you."

Sam Green was one of the few people to get through the shell she built around herself and he became her friend and confidant for 30 years. At the start of their relationship he told Garbo that, as an art dealer, he habitually recorded all his conversations and she made no objection, he says.

The tapes reveal the lengths to which Garbo was prepared to go to avoid being disturbed. Whenever she was recognised on their walks together, she would nudge Mr Green and say "Oh-Oh, Mr Green, here comes another customer" before taking evasive action.

Her life, according to both her biographer and Mr Green, was profoundly asexual. Although she referred to herself, bizarrely, in masculine terms, Mr Green insists: "She wasn't a lesbian. She wasn't *anything*."

Later in life, the stunning Swedish beauty, who had had affairs with John Gilbert, the actor, Cecil Beaton, the British photographer, and Mercedes de Acosta, the lesbian author, told Mr Green: "Ah, the sex thing. I'm glad that part of my life is over."

Simultaneously obsessed and plagued by the public's interest in her, Garbo became increasingly cut-off from reality and possibly a manic depressive. As early as 1933 she said: "I am very happy one moment: the next there is nothing left for me." In 1977 she was still deeply unhappy, believing that "I've messed up my life and it's too late to change that."

She spent increasing amounts of time watching television, repeats of *General Hospital* and *Matlock* mainly, while her loyal housekeeper vetted all telephone calls. In 1985 her relationship with Mr Green ended after an American newspaper wrongly announced that they planned to marry. "Greta Garbo to wed — at 80", *The Globe* screeched. Although Mr Green denied telling the newspaper anything, she broke of all contact with him. Thereafter, until she died at the age of 85 her seclusion was almost total.

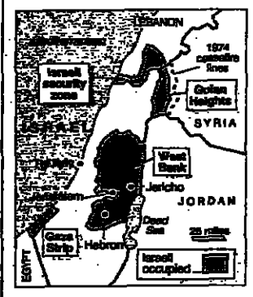
In *Vanity Fair* Mr Green, who received no money for releasing the tape-recordings, reflects on his decision to publish these fragments of her life, asking: "In the end, did we betray Garbo, or did she betray us?"

Hurd says PLO and Israel risk alienating public

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has urged Israelis and Palestinians to get their peace talks moving again, warning that otherwise they risked losing public support.

Speaking in Jerusalem after meeting Israeli leaders and senior Palestinians from the occupied territories, Mr Hurd said he had emerged from his talks convinced that both sides still had a strong incentive to work out their differences. "They all see the importance of getting on with it," he said. "Unless people in Israel or the occupied territories can see that there is actual progress, as opposed to the repetition of declarations, they will lose



trust in the process. It is very important they should not." Although he emphasised that Britain was not directly involved in the peace negotiations, he said that the Government was willing to help Israel economically and to assist the Palestinians practically. In particular Mr Hurd pledged that Britain was in favour of liberalising trade between Israel and the European Community. He said that today, during a visit to the occupied Gaza Strip, he would unveil a package of technical assistance to help Palestinians establish self-rule.

His visit has been dominated by the failure of Israelis and Palestinians to agree to the terms of their "land for peace" accord in the territories. Mr Hurd met Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who read out the entire contents of a fax received last week from the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Israel insists that the Palestinians reneged on earlier commitments to resolve three outstanding differences holding up the start of an Israeli withdrawal from the territories.

The Palestinians who met Mr Hurd complained that Israel was using unfair tactics at the negotiating table, and said that daily life for the two million Arab inhabitants of the territories had changed little since the signing of the peace accord in Washington last September.

☐ **Religious pride:** Nine out of ten Israelis are "proud or happy" to be Jewish and almost 70 per cent believe that they are God's "chosen people", according to a nationwide survey. *(AFP)*

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Afghan doctors plead for medicine

Kabul: Doctors in the Afghan capital appealed for medicine and blood to treat 1,700 people wounded in four days of fighting among Islamic factions (Our Foreign Staff writes). In Jamhouriat hospital, one of Kabul's largest, dozens of children suffering from shrapnel wounds lay bleeding in corridors and on makeshift stretchers.

At least 54 people have been confirmed dead, and thousands more people were awaiting treatment in their homes as fighting between communist forces, allied to Islamic fundamentalists, and troops loyal to President Rabbani continued. In Geneva, the UN said it feared heavy fighting in Afghanistan might cause a new exodus of refugees to nearby states.

Raped child denied help

Edmonton: Social services officials in Canada are reviewing a decision to refuse government-financed psychiatric treatment to a six-year-old rape victim. The girl's tormentor, 12, was ordered by a judge to undergo psychiatric treatment, to be paid for by the province of Alberta.

The girl, repeatedly raped by the boy, who had invited friends to watch him, was refused government-financed help. *(AFP)*

Activist held

Lagos: Ken Saro-Wiwa, president of a Nigerian minority rights pressure group, was placed under house arrest with his family by troops in Port Harcourt, capital of the southern Rivers State. *(AFP)*

Bushfires rage

Sydney: About 100 fires raged across New South Wales with high temperatures and strong winds expected to worsen what is already the state's worst bushfire emergency in 15 years. Two men have died. *(AP)*

Oh, by the way..

Tallahassee: Johnnie Mosley won more than £10 million in the Florida lottery in September, but kept it a secret until Christmas before handing the ticket to her husband as a present. They claimed the prize this week. *(AP)*

Court scraps cash-free baby pact

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A MAN who agreed to inseminate a colleague has been ordered to pay $100,000 (£67,500) in child support, despite a written promise from the woman that she would never seek money.

Edward Straub, of Indianapolis, had a relationship with his fellow schoolteacher, Francine Todd, five years ago when he agreed to father her child. He insisted, however, that she sign a document promising not to make him pay for the child's support. The relationship continued for three years after their daughter was born.

On Monday, the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled that Ms Todd had no right to sign away her daughter's right to monetary support from the child's father. The three-judge panel decided by a margin of 2-1 that it was in the child's best interests to ignore the agreement.

"Our legislature has created a strong current public policy with the object of protecting the rights of children from the whims of their parents and the power of the state," said Judge Stanley Miller.

Mr Straub's lawyer unsuccessfully argued that the agreement should be binding since it was protected under the "unqualified constitutional right for a single woman to have a child".

The deciding element appears to be that Mr Straub continued his relationship with Ms Todd after she had become pregnant and had given birth, thus distinguishing the case from one of artificial insemination.

"We know of no medical requirements — nor of any sperm-donor programme — that continues to give insemination injections after the donee becomes pregnant," the judges said.

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Fighting breaks out between ANC units

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

FIGHTING has erupted in a black township on the outskirts of Johannesburg between rival "self-defence units" affiliated to the African National Congress.

According to residents of Katlehong, a power struggle between units in three sections is to blame for the fighting, which the government described yesterday as the ANC being "at war with themselves".

"They are at war with the police, at war with Inkatha and at war with themselves," said Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order.

The ANC admitted that some "self-defence" units were out of control, and said it was trying to re-establish its authority. Carl Niehaus, an ANC spokesman, accused the government of making "worrying propaganda" out of the troubles.

According to Katlehong residents the trouble has been brewing for months but came to a head when members of one unit, unhappy with the oppressive behaviour of a commander, abducted and killed him. In retaliation three unit members were killed.

"There will be revenge attacks and we will be caught in the crossfire," said one resident.

The establishment of a national peacekeeping force is to be discussed today in Pretoria to try to bring some multi-party responsibility to keeping the peace in the townships.

☐ **Sofia:** Alewijn Burger, South Africa's ambassador to Bulgaria, has been found asphyxiated in his fume-filled car. Police said he had apparently committed suicide. *(AFP)*

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US task force to study radiation claims

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration has decided to set up a task force to investigate allegations of medical radiation experiments during the Cold War and to determine whether to compensate the surviving victims.

The decision was taken at a meeting by officials from a number of government departments and federal agencies, some of which had been involved in these experiments several decades ago. The decision came after a declassification drive by the Energy Department, which has released evidence of nuclear experiments. These suggest that up to 800 people had been subjected to radiations test during the Forties and Fifties, to test the effect of radioactivity on the human body. Some of the experiments continued until the mid-Seventies.

Mark Gearan, the White House communications director, said that the task force would "go about the business of getting to the bottom" of these experiments. He said it was premature to conclude now that the victims would be compensated because the task force would be faced with a difficult fact-finding mission and because it would be difficult to establish, beyond reasonable doubt, the link between these experiments, and later illnesses.

Among those subjected to the experiments was a group of pregnant women in Tennessee, who were exposed to X-rays, and mentally retarded children in Massachusetts, who were fed radioactive milk. These cases, which emerged last month after being held as classified information for several decades, created a public outrage and has led to calls that the victims should be compensated.

Since the scandal hit the headlines last month, the Energy Department has received 10,000 telephone calls from people claiming to have been subjected to experiments. Of those, about 7,000 warrant a more detailed investigation.

The group that met at the White House to investigate the radiation experiments comprises officials from a large number of government departments and agencies, including Energy, Health, Veterans Affairs, Defence, Justice, the Budget Office, and also from the National Security Council. No officials were present from the CIA, which is also believed to have been involved with nuclear experiments. The group will meet again on Monday.

Bundeswehr battles budget cuts amid campaign for wider alliance



Rühe: supports entry of Eastern Europe to Nato

BY CAREY SCHOFIELD

■ The axe is poised over Bonn defence spending. Chief German concerns at the Nato summit are to keep US taxpayers happy and France co-operative

GERMAN strategic thinkers forced the pace in the debates that raged last year over the future of Nato. Volker Rühe, the German Defence Minister, was consistently the most outspoken Western advocate of offering full alliance membership to the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe as soon as possible, and influential Bonn planners remain committed to this course.

But, as next week's Nato summit approaches, much energy at his ministry is being spent on fending off new budget cuts. A recent proposal that DM2.4 billion (£925 million) of overall savings of DM5 billion should come from the defence budget was greeted with horror by the Bundeswehr. Herr Rühe offered DM500 million as his ministry's pro rata share of the total, but observers in the Bundestag (parliament) indicate that the final figure is likely to be between DM1 billion and DM2 billion.

Even before the latest threat, the ministry was struggling to meet the united Germany's defence commitments on a budget smaller than that of the former Federal Republic alone. The governing Christian Democrats are anxious to avoid a full-scale defence debate, with the attendant talk of axing jobs and closing bases, in the run-up to this year's elections, although these issues will inevitably surface in budget discussions next week.

The military, however, is already thinking the hitherto unthinkable. Detailed planning for a big reduction in the size of the armed forces is secretly underway at the ministry. According to these plans, the Bundeswehr's establishment will be reduced to substantially below the 370,000 figure that was the government's previous bottom line. This is being kept under wraps for fear of even tougher budget cuts. Real army strength in any case fell below 370,000 last autumn as a shortage of funds slowed down the draft. "Manpower has to be cut. Everything else has been already," an army source said.

Budget cuts are also likely to affect Germany's Nato commitments, in particular its contribution to multinational units. From the British point of view, the most serious aspect of this drawdown is the decision, which Bonn sources say has already been taken, to cut the country's nuclear-capable Tornado squadrons.

Whitehall believes Washington will view this as confirmation that European states, while continuing to rely on the American nuclear umbrella, are failing to shoulder enough of the burden of their own defence. The Germans argue that Britain's continued emphasis on nuclear weapons is outmoded and that, in any case, "the British are deluding themselves if they think that we need them to interpret American attitudes".

Germany shares Britain's strategic interest in maintaining a strong American commitment to Nato, and planners in Bonn are aware that US public opinion will not continue to support the alliance unless a convincing justification for its future existence can be formulated. "Keeping the US taxpayer happy and the French co-operative will be Germany's main concern at the summit," a Christian Democrat source said. This entails devising European security arrangements which save French face without jeopardising the central role of the alliance.

A case in point is the US-proposed Combined Joint Task Forces (CJTF), intended to undertake peacekeeping and humanitarian missions. These will be dependent upon Nato structures (for logistics, Awacs, communications, and so on) but, to keep the French happy, it will look as though the Western European Union (WEU) is running the show.

British and German sources are adamant that operations will first be considered by Nato, and only then, if the alliance refuses them, by the WEU. They are clear that Nato must not be seen as an alliance of last resort. The French, however, insist that the WEU should have the *droit de seigneur* in such cases. Germany is better placed than any of the other Allies to cajole the French into co-operation, and to stifle any Paris-inspired initiatives to rival the CJTF and hence jeopardise Nato.

But German planners have to contend with the difficulty that their own unresolved constitutional question limits Bundeswehr out-of-area activities, so its role (and the number of command positions that Germans can hope to occupy) will be limited if the CJTF gets off the ground in the near future.

German delegates to the summit are aware that rumours of impending cuts may weaken their position. Cautious Anglo-Saxon planners, anxious to avoid further defence commitments that cannot be backed up by force, may consider that the shrinking of the Bundeswehr makes Nato's enlargement an even more perilous undertaking. Bonn sources protest that the new model army will be more appropriate to the post-Cold War defence agenda than the old structures.

But, until the budget question and the out-of-area issue are settled, they cannot publicly discuss the restructuring of the army for this role. German defence representatives will, however, continue to impress on the allies that the issue of Nato enlargement will not go away after next Tuesday. They will also be casting around for ammunition to be used during the next couple of months in the wrangles over defence spending back home.

Carey Schofield is the author of several books on the Russian Army and is now writing a book on the Bundeswehr.

Walesa fears Nato snub could revive Soviet bloc

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Walesa of Poland yesterday intensified the pressure on President Clinton to admit Eastern Europe's new democracies into Nato by warning that the world risked a revival of communism and the Soviet bloc if they were excluded.

In a blunt interview with *The Washington Post*, Mr Walesa called Nato's go-slow approach to accepting new members "short-sighted and irresponsible". He accused America of trying to appease Russia despite history's lessons and said Nato's refusal to issue a clear timetable for its eastward expansion at next week's alliance summit would be a "major tragedy".

For his part, Mr Clinton is urgently dispatching General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia in an attempt to quell the rising clamour for early Nato membership and protection that is threatening to embarrass the President on his first official trip to Europe next week.

This threat was heightened yesterday when President Brazauskas of Lithuania became the first leader of a former Soviet republic to seek membership of Nato when he made a formal application. In a related move, Latvia signed a defence pact with Denmark in the first such accord between a Baltic state and a Nato country. Hans Haekkerup, the Danish Defence Minister, criticised the continued presence of Russian troops on Latvian soil, the Baltic News Service said.

Mr Clinton and Nato's other 15 leaders are meeting in Brussels next Monday and Tuesday to endorse *Partnership for Peace*, an American plan offering all former Warsaw Pact states much closer military links with Nato but no guarantee of eventual membership. America has decided that to make an explicit offer of Nato membership to Eastern Europeans now would further inflame Russian nationalism and endanger President Yeltsin's reformist government. General Shalikashvili will seek to persuade the Eastern Europeans that *Partnership for Peace* is not a device for fobbing them off but a genuine plan for their ultimate integration.

Mr Clinton will fly from Brussels to Prague next Wednesday to meet the Polish, Hungarian, Czech and Slovak leaders. He will then fly to Moscow, and American officials are striving to achieve a modest coup by completing a three-way agreement on dismantling Ukraine's nuclear arsenal in time for the President's summit with Mr Yeltsin. If such an accord were reached, President Kravchuk of Ukraine might join the two leaders in Moscow for a signing ceremony. Mr Kravchuk has promised to submit the Start strategic arms treaty to the country's new parliament, to be elected on March 27, in another attempt to win ratification. Acceptance of the invitation to Moscow is not assured, however. The Ukrainian leader has said it would be better for Mr Clinton to go to Kiev, but this is not in the President's itinerary.

Valery Shmarov, Ukraine's Deputy Foreign Minister, arrived in Washington yesterday to try to resolve the outstanding issues concerning compensation, financial aid and security guarantees. In a goodwill gesture before Christmas, Ukraine, which has the world's third largest nuclear arsenal, deactivated a third of its most modern strategic missiles.

Ukraine's failure to ratify the treaty has twice led to the cancellation of proposed visits to Washington, but Ukrainian sources last night said Mr Kravchuk had now been invited at the end of this month.

Mr Clinton arrives the day after the opening of the new Russian parliament and will meet a number of new MPs, but the White House said he had no plans to meet Vladimir Zhirinovsky, leader of the far-right Liberal Democrats. The President is expected to voice Western concern over the strength of support for Mr Zhirinovsky and seek assurances that Mr Yeltsin will not bow to his anti-reformist demands.

Mr Clinton will fly to Belorussia to reward it for abandoning its nuclear arsenal and, if necessary, send a signal of displeasure to Ukraine. He will then go to Geneva to meet President Assad of Syria to try to advance the Middle East peace process. Tony Lake, Mr Clinton's National Security Adviser, has written to relatives of those who died in the Lockerbie bombing to say that the meeting would not result in the lifting of sanctions and Syria's removal from the American list of nations sponsoring terrorism.

☐ **Athens:** Thirty-three people were injured, three seriously, in an explosion and fire at a Nato naval headquarters near here yesterday. The Greek Defence Ministry said the blast, at an underground base, was caused by a short circuit. *(Reuter)*

Air crash team finds black box

Moscow: As rescue workers tried to identify the charred remains of the 120 passengers and crew who died in the Irkutsk air crash, a government commission began its investigation as the aircraft's black box flight recorder was found (Michael Binyon writes). Speculation focused on whether the aircraft was overloaded — there were said to be four extra passengers on board — and a careless reattachment of an engine after maintenance.

Bosnia diplomats fail the ink-blot map test

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

IT LOOKS like the sort of ink-blot test that psychiatrists use to determine how mad people are. This is the map of Bosnia-Herzegovina that Serbs, Croats and Muslims are haggling over as they try tortuously to find ways to divide the republic along ethnic lines.

It has been compiled from a series of maps obtained by *The Times* from Bosnian government sources who took part in the latest round of failed peace talks in Geneva and Brussels just before Christmas.

The chart reflects the triumph of force over diplomacy after an estimated 70-odd rounds of negotiations: Bosnia's Serbs and Croats have consolidated their hold on land bordering Serbia and Croatia proper, while the Muslim-led government is left with a convoluted central section with a peninsular arm jutting into Serb territory and a disjointed island between Serb and Croat land in the far northwest. The capital, Sarajevo, and Mostar where 55,000 Muslims are now beseiged by Bosnian Croat forces, would be temporarily administered by the United Nations and the European Union. And those are just the easy bits.

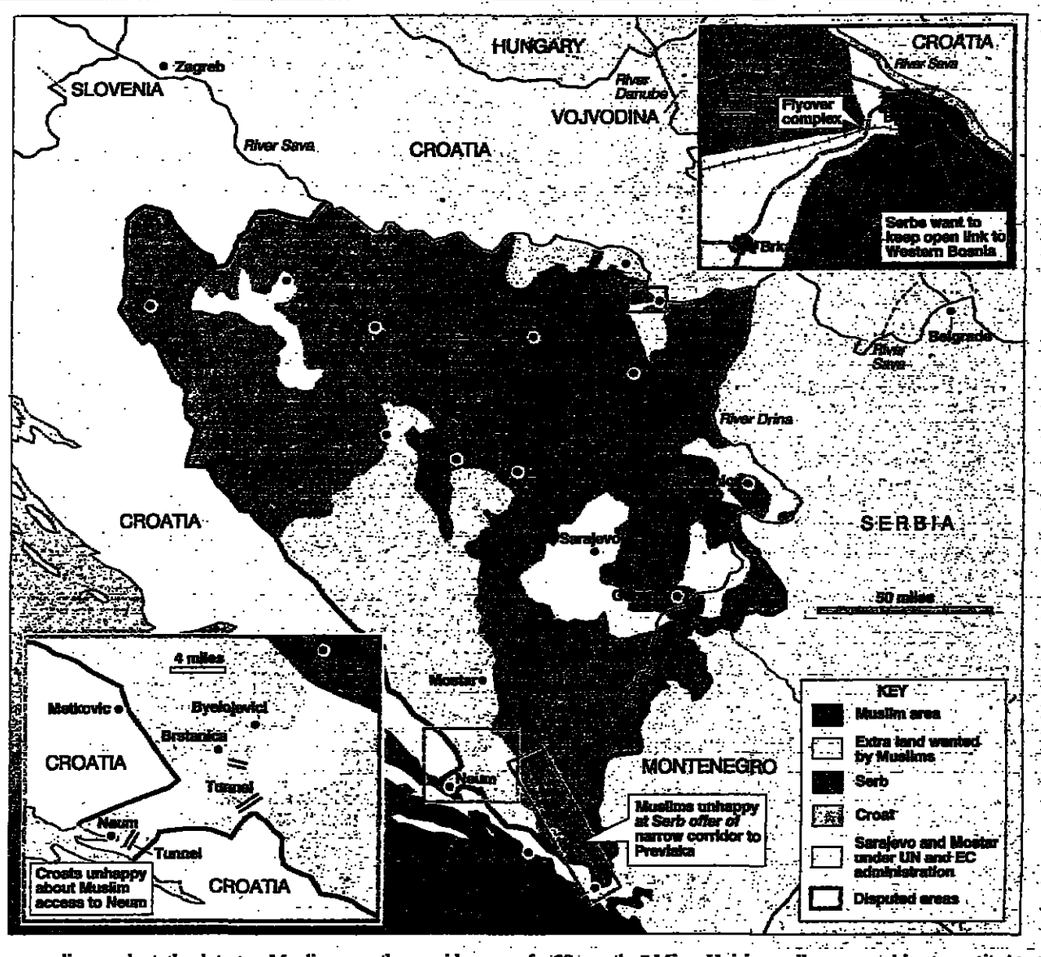
The main sticking points are more complicated — how to give the Muslims access to the Adriatic and to northern Europe? Muslims say they were dismayed at the latest talks to discover that the Serbs had unexpectedly tweaked the map to deprive them of a vital substantial link to the town of Brcko in the northeast. Brcko gives important access to the River Sava and subsequent trade links with northern Europe.

The Serbs also proposed giving the Muslims a route to the sea via a narrow corridor to Previaka on the Montenegrin-Croatian border. The Muslims see the corridor as passing through bandit country and, anyway, they had been concentrating on negotiating access to the sea near the Croatian port of Neum. The Croats have been increasingly hostile to this idea because it cuts a line through Croatian territory.

"The new Serbo-Croat proposal presented in Geneva would have to move another 240,000 people from their homes which they defended for 20 months," Mirza Hajric, a Bosnian government spokesman, said.

When it comes to the details at Neum and Brcko, proposals descend to the realms of Heath Robinson. At Neum, 17 miles from the proposed borders of the Bosnian republic, it has been suggested that three tunnels be dug to allow Croatian land to lie uninterrupted above. Furthermore, at Neum, a deep-water port would have to be dredged to allow cargo ships to use it. At Brcko, there is a proposal for a massive viaduct to carry Muslim traffic across Serb-held territory.

What is not clear is the cost of these expensive civil-engineering feats, or who would pay. And even when an eventual deal is struck between all three parties, the ethnic map is likely to be so distorted that it may be short-lived or need policing by the international community for years.



Muslims draw Croats into new talks

BY TIM JUDAH BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

BOSNIAN and Croat ministers began talks in Vienna yesterday in a renewed attempt to halt the bloodshed in central Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"We do not have the right to fail," said Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, before meeting Mate Granic, the Croatian Foreign Minister, in the imperial Hofburg palace. The talks were also attended by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the international peace negotiators. Previous meetings between Bosnian and Croat officials have either ended with nothing or with worthless declarations of intent.

The Vienna talks began after a string of threats from Croatia and a growing awareness there of the suffering heaped on Bosnia's Croats by the policies of President Tudjman. Mr Tudjman, Gojko Susak, the Croatian Defence Minister, and General Janko Bobetko, the Chief of Staff, have all threatened intervention in Bosnia recently if the Muslim-led offensive against the remaining Croat enclaves in the country continues. Mr Granic contradicted his colleagues yesterday by denying that any intervention plan existed. The threats seem to be borne of despair since Croatian army troops have long been involved in the war. What may have been threatened in private, however, is a major counter-offensive spearheaded by waves of fresh troops from Croatia.

There are at least four Croatian enclaves in central Bosnia and to make a viable Muslim led mini-state the Muslims must bring central Bosnia under their control. In some areas they are receiving Serb help, but in others the Serbs are helping the Croats. The Serb strategy is to weaken their enemies by helping them fight to the death.

Before the war there were 500,000 Croats in central and northern Bosnia and Sarajevo and 250,000 in Herzegovina. Once the partition of the country is completed most of the former will have lost their homes. Herzegovinians have always been instrumental in making policy in Zagreb and their barren homeland will be Croatia's prize for its involvement in the war.

After a string of victories, the Muslim-led Bosnian army is set on snuffing out the last enclaves and this is why no progress can be expected at the Geneva peace talks which resume on January 18.

America to double air drops to Muslim enclaves



Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, above, the outspoken Belgian commander of the UN protection force in Bosnia, may leave his post early at his own request, the Belgian Defence Ministry said yesterday. *(Reuter)*

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE American-led air drop operation, which has been parachuting food and medicine to besieged Muslim enclaves in Bosnia-Herzegovina, will be more than doubled in size over the next few days, a United Nations official announced here yesterday.

In Sarajevo, heavy Serb shelling knocked out emergency electricity to the city's priority users, including hospitals, government offices, police and army barracks, and bakeries. The electricity, which is not enough to supply private homes, had been restored only the day before. Seven people were killed and 32 wounded in the city yesterday.

Since the end of last February, six US military transport planes, one German and one French plane have flown nightly missions over Bosnia, parachuting food and medicine to the communities most in need, and where land access for relief aid is blocked by rebel Serb authorities.

Starting in the next few days, the American government will be providing nine additional aircraft for the operation. The 150 per cent increase is a sign of the gravity of food and medicine shortages in besieged Muslim enclaves. It is also a result of the failure of UN-brokered agreements to allow free passage of relief convoys and of UN optimism that negotiation will get military commanders on the ground to give up what they consider to be military objectives.

Although many areas are now largely dependent upon what was originally intended to be a temporary, emergency operation, air drops typically provide just one day's worth of food to an area. Lorry convoys can provide a week's worth.

Last winter UN officials opposed calls from relief agencies for air drops, saying such an operation would be too costly, dangerous and inefficient in Bosnia. They also said it was unnecessary and suggested that through negotiations they could win co-operation from rebel Serbs to feed the several hundred thousand Muslims besieged in the east of the country.

Last February, however, Sarajevo went on a hunger strike, refusing UN food aid, until the organisation delivered aid to the besieged eastern enclaves. City officials and residents accused the UN of delivering food only to areas where Western reporters had access.

The food boycott led the UN to suspend all aid deliveries in Bosnia, saying that the warring parties had made it impossible to distribute aid to the places in greatest need. Soon afterwards, however, Washington announced it would begin parachuting aid to the areas rebel Serbs would not allow food convoys to reach: Cerska, Gorazde, Srebrenica, Zepa and Konjevic Polje.

In the past ten months, the planes have delivered 11,300 tonnes of food and emergency supplies to six Muslim communities.

Russian church builds up to sainthood for murdered Tsar

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

THE Russian Orthodox Church, increasing the pace of moves to canonise the last Tsar of Russia, is to build a memorial church in Yekaterinburg over the remains of the house where Nicholas II and his family and servants were shot by the Bolsheviks in 1918. The holy synod announced in Moscow last week that it is to create a public commission to draw up plans for the church — to be dedicated to "all saints glorious on Russian earth" — on the site of the Ipatyev House, where the Tsar and his family were held and then executed in the cellars.

No date has been set for building to begin, but the church is expected to be of the traditional gold-domed type with a chapel and ancillary buildings. The shrine is bound to attract huge crowds of pilgrims in a country rapidly beginning to revere the murdered Tsar's memory.

The Ipatyev House was torn down by local Communists in Sverdlovsk, as the town was then called, on the orders of the Kremlin in 1977. The party secretary at the time was the then plain Mr Boris Yeltsin. Since becoming President, he has expressed remorse several times for his role in trying to wipe out the memory of the Tsar.

The bones of the Tsar and most of his family, found in a shallow grave in a nearby forest, were positively identified last year by scientists in Britain using new DNA forensic analysis and comparing the results with DNA samples taken from living, but distant, relatives of the Tsar, including the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Russian government has indicated that the bones will be formally interred in St Petersburg, alongside those of other Tsars. However, plans for an elaborate ceremony attended by the present crowned heads of Europe have been shelved while the political situation remains precarious.

The proposed church would be one of the most ambitious projects undertaken by Russian Orthodoxy, and one of the few completely new churches to be built since the Revolution. Since the end of the Communist era, hundreds of delapidated former churches, used as stores and warehouses, have been returned to the patriarchate and repaired and reopened.

St Basil's Cathedral on Red Square has been reopened for services, and restorers have just completed the rebuilding from ancient plans of another small church beside the Museum of the Revolution at the entrance to the square.

There are also grandiose plans to rebuild Moscow Cathedral, originally put up to commemorate the victory over Napoleon. This was blown up by Stalin at the height of the purges and the anti-religious campaign.

Construction is due to begin in March of the St George the Victor Cathedral in St Petersburg. This will commemorate Russia's victory in the Second World War and will be built near the southern gates of the city.



Nicholas II: Boris Yeltsin tried, as a Communist party secretary, to erase all memory of the Tsar

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Rebels repel Mexican army and reject talks offer

■ Despite a large Mexican military force in the state of Chiapas, the guerrillas insist that they have sufficient training and manpower to confront the government troops

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS

INDIAN peasant guerrillas continued to defend their positions around several small towns in the southern highlands of the Mexican state of Chiapas yesterday, and rejected calls for talks to end the four-day-old uprising.

Although the Mexican government sent heavy army reinforcements into the area, the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army (ZNLA) still occupied at least two towns and appeared to control a 45-mile stretch of road between the towns of San Cristóbal de las Casas and Ococingo.

Church leaders repeated an offer to mediate between the government and the ZNLA, but they said that so far no formal contact had been established with the rebels. The three bishops of Chiapas met local state officials to discuss options, but church sources said there was little room for negotiations while the guerrillas stuck to their initial demands, which include the resignation of President Salinas de Gortari and the holding of fair elections.



Salinas: the rebels insist that he must stand down

The government said it was sending officials to Chiapas to study possible future development projects in response to the ZNLA demands for better public services. On Monday President Salinas called for an end to the conflict through dialogue. He also recognised that there were "inequalities" in Chiapas that need to be addressed, but only through legal means.

Isolated clashes between the ZNLA and government troops on Monday increased the official death toll to 86, although other estimates put the number at more than 100. The guerrillas continued to go on the offensive in some areas, exploiting cover provided by the densely forested hillsides and adopting a tactic of defence and counter-attack. The rebels were also reported to be holding a number of hostages, including the former governor of Chiapas, General Absalon Castellanos, and members of his family.

Air force planes and helicopters patrolled the skies around San Cristóbal, and heavily armed soldiers set up roadblocks and checked the few vehicles still moving in the area. However, on the main road from San Cristóbal to Ococingo, not far from an army base which the rebels attacked on Sunday, reporters found ZNLA guerrillas who had set up their own roadblock, demanding "a war tax" from anyone who wished to pass.

A 21-year-old rebel leader, who identified himself as Captain Arturo, said his men preferred to fight rather than negotiate. "We won't make the same mistakes of other guerrilla groups in Central America who agreed to negotiate and lost the war," he said.

Dressed in a dark brown uniform with a red patterned neckerchief and black hat, he kept his face hidden behind a blue balaclava. He gripped an old AK47 as he explained that the ZNLA was created ten years ago but that its roots go back to the late 1960s.

"Our forces are perfectly trained to confront the federal army. Our army is big and is formed from the exploited masses," he said. "We are not Maoist or Marxist, rather we are a group of peasants, workers and students who the government has left with no other option but to take up arms."

He confirmed that the leader of the ZNLA is a man known only as Commander Marcos, who appeared on the balcony of a municipal palace in San Cristóbal on Saturday to announce the rebels' goal of overthrowing the Mexican government and ending discrimination against the indigenous peoples of the region.

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Members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army on guard in the village of Huixtan in the Chiapas region. The rebels are refusing to negotiate with members of the government and still control at least two towns

Mass break out as 103 inmates die in Venezuela jail riot

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AS THE death toll in one of Venezuela's bloodiest prison riots reached 103 yesterday, inmates at a second jail used the uprising as a diversion to mount a mass break out.

Forty prisoners escaped and nine were killed trying to run away from the Tocoron prison in Aragaua state, 75 miles southwest of Caracas. Officials said the inmates had been planning the break out and took advantage of a bloody riot at the Sabaneta prison to carry out their scheme. Dora Bracho, the Justice Ministry's director-general of prisons, said a National Guardsman also died in the escape at Tocoron prison, which began yesterday morning.

The rampage on Monday at Sabaneta in Maracaibo, 325 miles west of Caracas, was the third uprising in two days at the prison, where officials appeared to have had difficulty controlling two smaller riots. The National Guard put down Monday's rampage.

Riots are common in Venezuelan prisons, where human rights groups say conditions are deplorable. Officials said, however, that the Sabaneta incident was one of the worst in Venezuelan history.

Yesterday Lolita Aniyar, the state governor of Zulia, of which Maracaibo is the capital, said that 103 prisoners had died at Sabaneta. Officials said 50 inmates were seriously injured.

The riot started when members of rival gangs began fighting with makeshift knives and firearms in what was apparently a struggle for control of the prison. Local radio reported that one of the gangs was seeking vengeance for the murder of one of its members. Wounded prisoners hobbled out of the jail to be taken to nearby hospitals as two of the institution's three wings were set alight.

In six months last year, 26 inmates were killed and 72 injured at Sabaneta, which houses about 3,600 prisoners but is designed to hold 800. Officials regularly seize knives and firearms from inmates. Fermin Marmol León, the Minister of Justice, was expected to fly to Maracaibo to investigate the latest riot.

Bentsen aims at US gun dealers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

The Clinton Administration proposed tough new controls on firearms dealers yesterday and a massive increase in their licence fees as part of a drive to curb the gun violence plaguing America.

Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury Secretary, said the Administration would ask Congress to raise the annual fee from $10 (£6.75) to $600, a move that he predicted would eliminate 200,000 of the country's 244,000 gun dealers and end taxpayer subsidies for the firearms industry.

Mr Bentsen said the present fee "isn't just ridiculous. It goes all the way to reckless". Many dealers operated "out of their kitchens", ignoring rules and regulations, and their numbers made it almost impossible for the authorities to monitor their activities.

The Treasury Secretary also proposed new legislation under which licensed gun dealers would be compelled to keep proper records of transactions, help the authorities trace guns used in crimes, and report lost or stolen firearms within 24 hours. The authorities would have more power to withhold or revoke licences.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) declared the fee increase "entirely unjustified", and the Administration will have a tough time passing the legislation in a congressional election year, but officials believe Americans have grown so sick of the violence that a solid majority now firmly supports gun control.

Polls show violent crime has shot to the top of public concerns, and Mr Clinton has moved fast to exploit the issue. Last month the NRA suffered a big blow when Congress approved the Brady Bill establishing a five-day waiting period for background checks on handgun purchasers.

New figures yesterday showed that 24 cities set new records for killings in 1993, and for the second year running Gary, Indiana, narrowly beat Washington to the title of America's murder capital.

Gary (population 120,000) was the city whose Middle American values were immortalised in the 1957 Broadway musical *The Music Man*, but last year 102 murders were committed there. Thomas Barnes, the mayor, blamed "too many guns, too many drugs and not enough jobs".

But December's headlines suggested gun violence is no longer confined to black urban ghettos. Six Long Island commuters were killed on a train, a woman was shot to death in a Philadelphia law firm, four pizza restaurant staff were shot dead in a Denver suburb, two shoppers were shot in Oklahoma and a school superintendent was killed by a teacher at a Michigan school.

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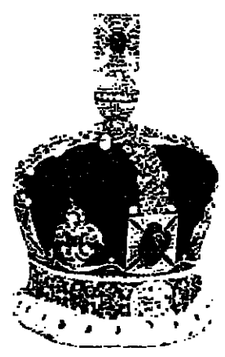
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Part two of an investigation into royalty and politics

The Queen and her influence



Should the Queen involve herself personally in affairs of government or do what she is told? Simon Heffer continues his prize-winning essay on the constraints and moral powers of the monarchy under an unwritten constitution

In theory, the monarch is a protection against "elective dictatorship" and the sometimes bad behaviour of the jumped-up political class. Bagehot said *that the advantage of a monarch* as head of society meant that it controlled the "low sort of ambition and envy" that would otherwise be rampant if the peak of society were something attainable other than by birth. That change has, for good or ill, largely taken place. Social power is seen to be worth nothing; political power is what matters. Elected politics has — or thinks it has — become more important than the monarchy. Bagehot's fear that "politics would offer a prize too dazzling for mankind; clever base people would strive for it and stupid base people would envy it" has started to be realised.

It may be tempting for a monarch, watching with well-bred distress as those damaging the lives and livelihoods of her subjects evade any notion of responsibility for doing so, to seek to give some moral leadership. There is nothing constitutionally to prevent her from doing so. For all we know, she might tick off her Prime Ministers, in their confidential audiences with her, for their bad behaviour in a way that only the Supreme Governor of the Church of England can get away with. Her grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandmother certainly did; and Bagehot thought the moral dimension to monarchy a most important one. Religious and social authority, however, are not enough of a basis from which to be a check upon and a balance to the activities of the modern politician. Today's monarch must be well-informed about public opinion, and not be concerned just with the opinion of Society, as occasionally Victoria and Edward VII were.

Other constitutionalists have taken a far more minimal view than that, seeming to believe that the human feelings of the monarch are best kept to him or herself and an irrelevance to the business of government. The minimalist view, rigidly supported by some more constitutionally progressive politicians, has it that the only role of the monarch is to approve whatever her Prime Minister tells her to approve, and to ensure that the democratic basis of the constitution is upheld. All this entails is ensuring that a plurality of political parties are able to compete with each other at regular intervals. From this one is meant to deduce, again with the approval of politicians, that the reserve prerogative powers (the few not devolved to the executive) can be used only if elections are stopped, or a one-party state declared.

This gives rise to the view that the monarch is bound to accept advice only if it is constitutional. Those who suggest that it is the monarch's duty to accept advice even if it is unconstitutional — say, compelling her to give assent to the abolition of Parliament and, indeed, the abolition of herself — look at the possibility in a vacuum. This idea supposes that someone determined on those extreme measures would pursue them through the usual channels. The lesson of Russia in 1917 should teach otherwise. Even using entirely constitutional means, though, the monarchy could be abolished or rendered purely ceremonial by a Government determined upon doing so. If the Queen must take the advice of her ministers, advice that she must sign an *Act of Parliament transferring* her powers to the president of a republic would seem to be no exception. Any Prime Minister seeking to do this would need to be pretty certain of the support for that view in the country, or catastrophe would ensue.

If the reserve powers are not to mean something, then there really is no point in keeping



The idea of the monarch as referee of the constitution does not work

the monarchy. Those that undeniably still mean something — of dissolution and of for whom to send in the event of an election not returning a Government with a majority in the House of Commons — I shall deal with specifically later. Thanks to our having an unwritten constitution, what the monarchy can or cannot do besides remains a matter *for argument. One has to* judge whether the precedents set in the past can possibly be advanced today.

Monarchical influence can take a number of forms. Queen Victoria's political influence was sometimes moral, sometimes personal, sometimes both. Gladstone she loathed personally, and did whatever she could to keep him out of office by co-operating with the Tories whenever possible; something unthinkable today, and which led the discreet Gladstone to describe her attitude as one of "armed neutrality". By contrast, Sir Charles Dilke she came to loathe because of his moral turpitude — he had been cited in a divorce — and requested he be not included in a Liberal government.

There would be nothing to prevent a monarch today letting her Prime Minister know that the personal conduct of one of his colleagues was less than expected of a minister; but the Prime Minister would have to exercise his own judgment about whether the monarch's view was typical of the electorate's, and whether damage would be done to the administration by allowing that particular colleague into office or keeping him there. Recent precedent suggests that when a minister has resigned, he may be invited back into the government once he has been returned at a subsequent general election, thereby having shown he has the confi*dence of the voters; we cannot,* yet, know whether any such resignations have been helped along by royal concern.

Queen Victoria used her influence in at least one way that has had, though, lasting relevance. Palmerston she disliked because of his insolence in executing foreign policy without first informing her. She confirmed with Russell that she had the right to be fully informed of foreign policy executed in her name. This right still pertains, and the present Queen is an assiduous reader of Foreign Office dispatches. When, a little later, Palmerston approved Louis Napoleon's *coup d'état* without her consent, she thought of dismissing him — something she could technically do, but which even in 1851-52 would have dragged the Crown into political struggle. Russell, detecting that Palmerston had broken his earlier undertaking, removed him from the ministry before Victoria could do anything that might have sullied the Crown and smacked too much of her dislike of Palmerston.

The antithesis of the idea of the personally involved monarch is the idea of the monarch as referee of the constitution. This concept does not work either, because the monarch is part of the constitution, though with little freedom of manoeuvre. The idea of the monarch as referee was tried in 1909-11 when the Tory majority in the House of Lords first tried to stop Lloyd George's People's Budget, and then tried to stop the bill that would remove the Upper House's veto. George V ultimately chaired a conference, which directly achieved nothing and risked dragging the monarch into politics.

His father, Edward VII, being aware that a crisis was coming over the Budget and the Lords' veto, had held regular interviews with senior politicians of both major parties in attempts to find a compromise. He had even suggested to Lord Crewe that there might be voting reform, establishing a system of nominated voting peers for each *party, to level out the numbers* participating in divisions in the Upper House. Whatever Edward VII's private views — and he was, as Charles Douglas-Home points out in *The Royal Prerogative*, unhappy at the prospect of having to accept advice to swamp the Lords with Liberal peers — he recognised that his first duty was to avoid conflict, ensure



The Queen has the status of an informal court of appeal for her subjects

stability, and allow his Government to be carried on; precepts that successive generations of politicians have taken to be at the heart of constitutional monarchy.

Yet, like the peers, Edward VII was in his place thanks to the hereditary principle, in which he passionately believed. He was unwilling to do anything to undermine it, and was perhaps more careful than his less experienced son to avoid doing anything to involve the Crown in the controversy. Yet a means was found for him to accept unpalatable advice while making it clear where he, personally, stood on the question. When hinting in the Speech from the Throne, at the start of the 1910 parliamentary session, what steps might have to be taken for his Government to get its business through, he said that they would be measures which "in the opinions of my advisers should provide that this House [of Lords] should be so constituted and empowered as to exercise impartially in regard to proposed legislation the functions of initiation, revision and, subject to proper safeguards, of delay".

Now that an entirely undeferential press exists, it is unlikely that a monarch could get away with such a caveat today. King Edward, though, felt these things too strongly to acquiesce completely, not forgetting his duty to uphold the principle of heredity on which his office was based. That, though, was (as far as the public were to know) where his personal involvement ended. Winston Churchill, the Home Secretary, made a speech hinting that the King would create as many peers as the Liberal Cabinet decided he should. The King was angry, and sent a rebuke to Asquith, reminding him that his name was not to be mentioned by ministers in their speeches. Churchill's citing the King's name was insolent and improper; so it would be today, and such a monarchical rebuke would be as justifiable.

Although the Budget was passed by the Lords, the matter of the Upper House's veto had still to be thrashed out. The King was dead by the time it was. Lord Esher, his entirely unofficial adviser, had told him that he could refuse to receive advice to create peers. The predecent he cited was from May 1832, when Grey had tendered advice about peers to William IV which the King chose not to accept; he accepted Grey's and his colleagues' resignations instead. Esher made the mistake of paying no attention to the evolution of democratic government since the Reform Act. George V, when he succeeded, acted to preserve the Crown by recognising that he could not ignore historical change.

Just as her predecessors canvassed Opposition opinion, the present Queen too has taken to having occasional meetings with the Leader of the Opposition. This is a result of the Conservative party having been in office for so long, and of a quite correct desire on her part to be informed at first hand about the policies of the Labour party. The Leader of the Opposition, being a privy counsellor, can speak with her on terms of absolute confidentiality, but the Queen may not act on anything he tells her, and nor can he formally advise her in matters of State. The fact that these meetings have started demonstrates an important fact about the benefits of an unwritten constitution. Arrangements can be made or unmade to take account of unusual situations; like the same party being in power for many years.

Her more usual political contacts, of course, are with the Government. The monarch sees the Prime Minister for their confidential meeting every Tuesday, unless one or other of them is abroad or otherwise unavoidably committed. The Prime Minister, a privy counsellor, may also give her personal advice. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has an audience every year, before the Budget. The Foreign Secretary sees the monarch more often, notably during State visits abroad or to Britain from other Heads of State. As well as seeing ministers, the Queen also regularly sees diplomats, service chiefs, the Archbishop of Canterbury and other churchmen; and even the head of MI5, among other senior civil servants.

The monarch can see a minister at any time to discuss particular departmental matters: in practice this happens rarely, though she does regularly meet ministers socially and at monthly privy councils. Individual ministers do, though, hear regularly from the monarch. She has acquired the status of an informal court of appeal for her subjects, and each year receives thousands of letters from aggrieved ones seeking help in struggles with officialdom, or for the redress of injustices. These petitions will be passed on by her private secretary to the minister responsible, and action is usually taken promptly. The times are not so democratic that the reference by the sovereign of a subject's problems can be casually treated, and it is unusual to find a Cabinet minister who feels that something the sovereign has come to regard as important should be treated as though it were not. Of recent Cabinet ministers only Tony Benn has publicly and consistently dismissed the usefulness of the monarch.

Those who have served the present Queen testify that she, on behalf of her people, expects high standards of service and conduct from her ministers; though she might not go so far as George V, who (for example) habitually ticked off his ministers for being improperly dressed. She is a check on their behaviour, and that ultimately is why she retains the reserve powers.

TOMORROW
The Queen and John Major



Victoria, with Disraeli: they tried to keep Gladstone, whom she loathed, out of office

Charles Douglas-Home, a former Editor of The Times, *completed all but the last chapter of a book on the Royal Prerogative before his death. This prize-winning memorial essay is by the deputy editor of* The Spectator

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Whodunit to my son?

With the evidence on the cutting-room floor, Libby Purves asks who cut her son's scene in a television mystery





Sophie Ward (left) and Celia Imrie starred in *A Dark-Adapted Eye*, but some young extras were disappointed

Perhaps you spent your Bank Holiday evenings sitting catatonically through the BBC's three hours of shrieking, sulking, stabbing, period hairdos and murky family secrets entitled *A Dark-Adapted Eye*. This labour-intensive goth gem was brought to us courtesy of Ruth Rendell, a.k.a. Barbara Vine: long established as chief purveyor to the provincial gentry of novels about sick murderers (satisfaction guaranteed, all hanging-scenes handcrafted, no psychosis too large or small, let us quote you). So we weary adult viewers knew what to expect: a sort of latter-day Mary Webb chiller with touches of *The Munsters*.

Which was exactly what we got: lots of dishevelled hair, repressed carving-knives, condemned cells, cod-soaked nighties and Helena Bonham Carter in a print frock getting traumatised by a glimpse of seriously unsafe sex in the woodshed in a dripping Suffolk dusk. Routine sort of holiday television, really, for the jaded adult palate.

But spare a thought for the group of star-struck viewers who went through two frightful evenings with the stuff when they could have been playing Nintendo. Being only ten and eleven years old, and having more naturally wholesome tastes (like good clean Schwarzenegger shootybang pictures) they would not normally have seen this turbid tripe, or even asked to. But this time they had to watch: they were in it.

Their school was spotted last year by the location managers as the most 1950s-looking place around (a compliment the governors graciously took in the right spirit). Amid enormous excitement 60 little boys of my son's age, and two schoolmasters of particularly obsolete aspect, were chosen as extras. Memos were sent to parents requesting clearance for special haircuts; the little boys put up with this indignity for the glory of real filming.

They were dressed in special wardrobe blazers and ties, learnt an antiquated school hymn, and spent a morning kicking their heels in the school hall waiting for lights, sound, cameras and all the deathly slow, pondrous paraphernalia of filming to be ready for their assembly scene. They did their bit, sang their song, were told the date of transmission, and retired satisfied to await stardom and revel in the envy of those too crew-cut or modern-bred to be chosen.

Well, of course we did them about the cutting-room floor. A trailers of heaving bosoms and shrieking Celia Imries rolled endlessly past over Christmas, we prepared them for the sad possibility that they might be dropped altogether or glimpsed for ten seconds. Anyway, they are old pros, our children, aware how hard it is to make your mark on the cultural scene: they once visited the Rovers' Return on the set of *Coronation Street* and sneaked moved a bit of chewing-gum under the bar into view, then spent the next six weeks yearningly looking out for it under Bet Gilroy's cleavage in every slot.

But we do think it would have been kind of the BBC to let the school know, after editing, that the re appearance of the assembly scene was for a few seconds following the opening titles of the first episode. And that there was no long-shot, but only a dozen boys in view; and no hilarious appearance of their teachers wearing even more aged tweed jackets than usual. Nor had the innocent scholars any inkling that the sole function of the whole exercise, including hymn-learning, was to provide an image of innocence for the producers to intercut chillingly with dripping knives, frenzied stabbing, ticking clocks coming up to eight o'clock and a rather explicit hanging scene complete with noose, drop, white hood, and removal of hood to show lacerated neck of Ms Imrie. They could have enjoyed that, dear little chaps. Then they could have gone to bed with their *Star Trek* annuals.

Instead of which — if my own son is any template for the rest — they sat solemnly with their parents for two endless evenings, hoping against hope for another shot of the school hall. His sibling, a sensible girl, gave up with a shudder somewhere between the second reprise of the stabbing beside the rocking-horse and the first episode of suspected infanticide.

The lad bravely soldiered on, stifling yawns, through the homosexual heavings in the woodshed, the miscarriage, endless brooding, shrieking rows in the style of *Cold Comfort Farm*, a few more repeats of the stabbing in artistic black-and-white, the final dissolution of Imrie's hairstyle, the scene where massed shock-troops of nannies snatch an infant from his mother, and another visit to the condemned cell.

We glanced at him uneasily from time to time, wondering if post-watershed BBC would corrupt him: but he seemed so heartily fed up with all this gothic emotion and women's clutchings and sobbings that we decided the only risk was that it might make him one of those men whose idea of emotional release is to murmur "Yes, dear" from behind the newspaper.

There was a flurry of excitement on the second night, when the angelic toddler at the heart of the plot (goodness, I hope *he* wasn't watching; bad enough to have to listen to all that shrieking and be manhandled by actresses) got big enough to wear grey shorts. "He'll have go to school soon!" we cried. "Wake up, Dad, this could be it!" But alas, wee Jamie never did get to school. Or at least, only in that 20 seconds near the titles, three long hours of airtime ago, with my poor lad well out of shot anyway, vainly singing the obsolete hymn. A wonderful lesson, we thought, in life. Who says the BBC has given up its educational function?

Canada is the enemy now, says a satirical film

Poking fun at the Cold War

AS THE gangster Al Capone once put it: "I don't even know what street Canada is on." This attitude among Americans towards their northern cousins — more indifference than outright dislike or hatred — has never been fully exploited until now. The film maker Michael Moore has started tapping into those reserves in an effort to turn Canada from a benign neighbour into the new Evil Empire.

His plan is executed in *Canadian Bacon*, shot partly in Toronto. In the tradition of *Dr Strangelove*, the film is a black satire in which the American president makes a secret deal with the defence industry to start a new and extremely lucrative Cold War with Canada. The American public is manipulated by politicians and the media into a ferment of anti-Canadian sentiment.

The danger of massive corporate power — in this case, the defence lobby — is one of Mr Moore's favourite topics. He directed and starred in *Roger and Me*, a wicked, ironic 1989 documentary on General Motors's milking and abandonment of the town of Flint, near Detroit. The film maker endeared himself to the public as he pursued Roger Smith, chairman of General Motors, to make him account for the devastation of Flint with the loss of 30,000 jobs. It grossed more than $25 million.



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The idea of a New World Order with the Canadians as the enemy came to Mr Moore as he sat watching newsreels of the Gulf War. "We'd given Saddam Hussein $4 billion in aid to fight Iran, and the very next thing he's the enemy. I started thinking, 'What would be the most absurd example of how the Government and the media could convince people to fear and hate?' And I thought, 'Well, it's right here, the longest unprotected border in the world, the second largest country in land mass after Russia', " he told *The New York Times*.

Canadian Bacon is the military codename for the American plot, and also a *double entendre* for Americans, since it refers to the circular, watery meat found under their eggs Benedict.

There is much play on the general dullness of Canada and its dowdily dressed, politically correct people. Limited news coverage south of the border means most Americans know almost nothing about Canada. Ignorance ensures that their suspicions can be easily aroused. For instance, one of the "un-American activities" listed by warmongers in the film is the cancelling of the Miss Canada contest.

There is also the problem that Canadians look and sound like Americans, so spies are hard to spot. The problem of sneaky Canadian entryists in the American media and film industry cannot go unmentioned, and fun is poked at the Canadian actors Donald Sutherland, *Star Trek*'s William Shatner, and Raymond Burr.

General Panzer, played by Rip Torn, is head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the one-time job of the real General Colin Powell; and Alan Alda plays the President.

To understand fully Mr Moore's fine-tuned hatred of Canada, one need only visit the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, where much of the film is set. The falls themselves are just fine: the horror lies in the surrounding plastic souvenir shops, and neon-lit, sleazy motels, some equipped with vibrating beds activated by 25 cents in a slot. Crossing the border, tourists realise that they are in a different country, despite the similarity of accents and nylon leisurewear among both peoples.

Mr Moore, tongue firmly in his cheek, says: "What do we really know about what they're doing up there with all that fresh water, all that ice and all those Zamboni machines?" (Zamboni machines smooth ice for skating.)

Mr Moore is a large, shambling man with a signature synthetic baseball cap, who, at 39-years-old, probably should know better. He continues to behave like a rebellious adolescent, despite his Hollywood backing from MGM.

HE THRIVES on adversity and low budgets. *Roger and Me* was made for $260,000 and the *Flint Journal* once lengthily described Mr Moore as "aggressive, intelligent, abrasive, overbearing, a tough adversary, childishly aloof toward society's restrictions, analytical, manipulative, dedicated, charming, offensive and obsessed with going his own way."

Roger and Me was most famous for the Bunny Lady, who deep in Flint's worst-ever recession and unemployment, offered cute furry rabbits for sale as "pets or meat". To Mr Moore, however, "pets or meat" was the film's underlying theme. The General Motors workers were treated as pets by the company for their useful years, then abandoned as dead meat when the car factories moved to exploit cheaper labour in South America.

The only difference in *Canadian Bacon*, due out this summer, is that this time the Americans are trained pets, and the Canadians the meat.

Jonathon Porritt is right not to bother with his baronetcy, **Walter Ellis** says

Better not to be a Bart





Misters: Jonathon Porritt (left) and Ferdinand Mount

There is something distinctively Wodehousean about baronets. Perhaps it is the diminutive-sounding nature of the title (like being one of Lord Bath's "wifelets"). Perhaps it is the fact of their living style without substance (they are entirely powerless). But in class-conscious Britain, these nearly-men from the back pages of Debrett are accorded the least dignity of any of our "betters".

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that the Hon. Jonathon Espie Porritt, former director of Friends of the Earth and a regular pedlist on *Any Questions*, should have decided not to use the baronetcy he inherited this week from his father, Lord Porritt, who died on New Year's Eve.

Lord Porritt, life peer, was granted his baronetcy in 1963 following a distinguished medical career and prior to becoming Governor-General of New Zealand. His son, a radical Old Etonian, might conceivably have used membership of the House of Lords in pursuing his ecologically-sound enthusiasms, but clearly sees no point in recycling a title that confers no advantage other than securing a better table at Quaglino's.

Porritt will assume his latest acquisition just once, in inviting friends and family to the memorial service for his father. With filial piety duly observed, he will quietly deactivate the baronetcy and keep it in mothballs for the next generation. "There are times in the life of an environmental activist", he said, "when a hereditary title could be something of an anomaly."

Last year Ferdinand Mount, editor of *The Times Literary Supplement*, similarly declined to be squeezed between the bookends of Sir and Bart. He had inherited a baronetcy from his uncle, Lt Col Sir William Mount, a Berkshire landowner, but though his own nomenclature, like that of Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, cried out for a decent prefix, he decided to linger among the esquires.

Would he equally have declined a dukedom? One doubts it. Mount — though he once advised Number 10 — has no known ambitions to enter the House of Commons, and *noblesse oblige*, to say nothing of pride, would surely have affected his judgment. No. The fact is that a baronetcy, being betwixt and between, neither flesh nor fowl, is easily deferred. Having no function and lacking the knight bachelor's consolation of having won the honour by his own exertions, poor Sir Bart is caught in that uneasy middle ground: neither true "quality" nor proper commoner.

The Lord Chamberlain, for one, is not impressed. In the table of precedence, baronets are sandwiched between the younger sons of life peers and Knights of the Thistle.

Part of the problem is that they are not an ancient order. They owe their existence to short-term exigency. The first baronets were created in 1611 by James VI for the dubious purpose of creating an officer class to repress Irish Catholics and sustain the Plantation of Ulster. They are, like the Knights Templar, without mystique, sat at the round table only because the high table is full.

None of this is intended to demean current holders of the title. For the most part they are farmers, deputy lords-lieutenant, Lloyd's brokers or "something in the City", and they do us no harm. Indeed, it could be argued that they add to the gaiety of the nation.

Sir Denis Thatcher, the most recent appointment to the order, enjoys widespread popularity, and the fact that his controversial son, Mark, will eventually become a Texan baronet has provided much innocent amusement around the dinner tables of the chattering class. Sir Denis is a model baronet — slightly distrait, direct in his views, happiest on the golf course or in the bar. The fact that he has a title to pass on while his wife, the formidable Baroness Thatcher, felt unable to accept the hereditary peerage that many felt was her due has both a comical and poignant dimension.

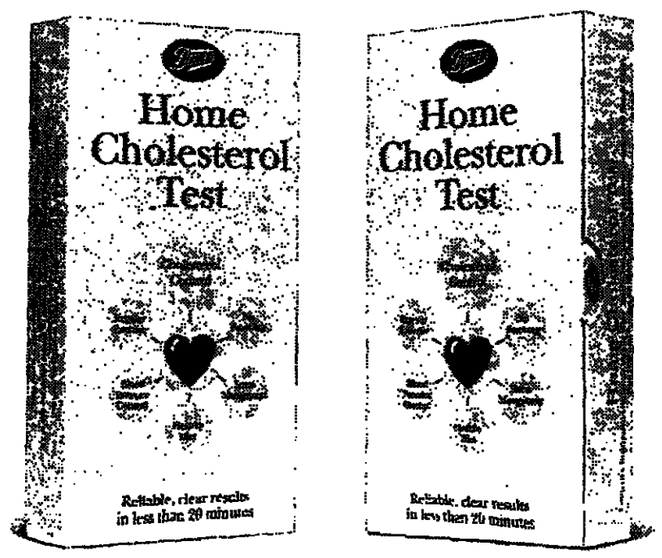
As one would expect, there is an alternative view. Both Charles Moore, editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*, and Auberon Waugh, the right-wing pundit, have argued passionately that such an inheritance should never be denied but worn as a badge of honour.

Waugh virtually accused his friend Mount of class treachery. Moore, only slightly tongue in cheek, observed that if incoming baronets were unable to assume their title then it ought to be possible for others "to take on the burden".

In both their cases, the bookcase effect would seem appropriate, and it is certain there would be others queuing to take the strain. Sales of baronetcies would do a roaring trade, knocking lordships of the manor into an appropriate cocked hat. In the meantime, it is as an adornment, entirely without purpose, that they must continue to be viewed. Arise, Sir Bart. Your time is not yet quite expired.

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■ It takes more than a better mousetrap to catch the wily French

Had they had any inkling, the milling Heathrow mobs, of who he really was, this glistening athlete jinking between them on his headlong dash for Gate 19 and France, they might have been less grudging. Had they twigged his gallant buccaneering mission, they might have watched the wall, my darlings, while the gentleman ran by. But how could they know these things? With his hot hat askew, his beaded bubbles winking at its brim, his tie-knot wedged beneath his ear, his boarding-pass flapping in his teeth, his leading hand frenziedly cleaving his passport through the human thicket while his trailing one banged *his plastic bag against their knees, he looked* like any other sophisticated jetsetter: how were they to guess, as they oathed his plucky bids to jump the security queue, that the line he truly stood in stretched back down all the arches of the Anglo-Gallic years to the very eve of Agincourt itself? How could they know that he was bringing the tennis-balls back, to fling them in mortal challenge at the Froggies' feet?

Even if they had peeked into the plastic bag, they would not have known. The tennis-balls did not look like tennis-balls, they looked like a cheese; but even then, they looked like a cheese only to those who knew what a cheese like this looked like. To the ungrocered eye, it was a black-waxed drum, *eight inches in diameter, three inches thick* and six pounds in weight. Even for the security man, it was a whole new experience.

"A what?"

"Look at the label. It says 'Mature English Cheddar', not say 'Mature Czech Semtex'."

He picked up a long-bladed instrument, and hefted it. I pulled the cheese away.

"It was given to me," I cried, "by Lord Archer! Of". I added crisply, "Weston-super-Mare!"

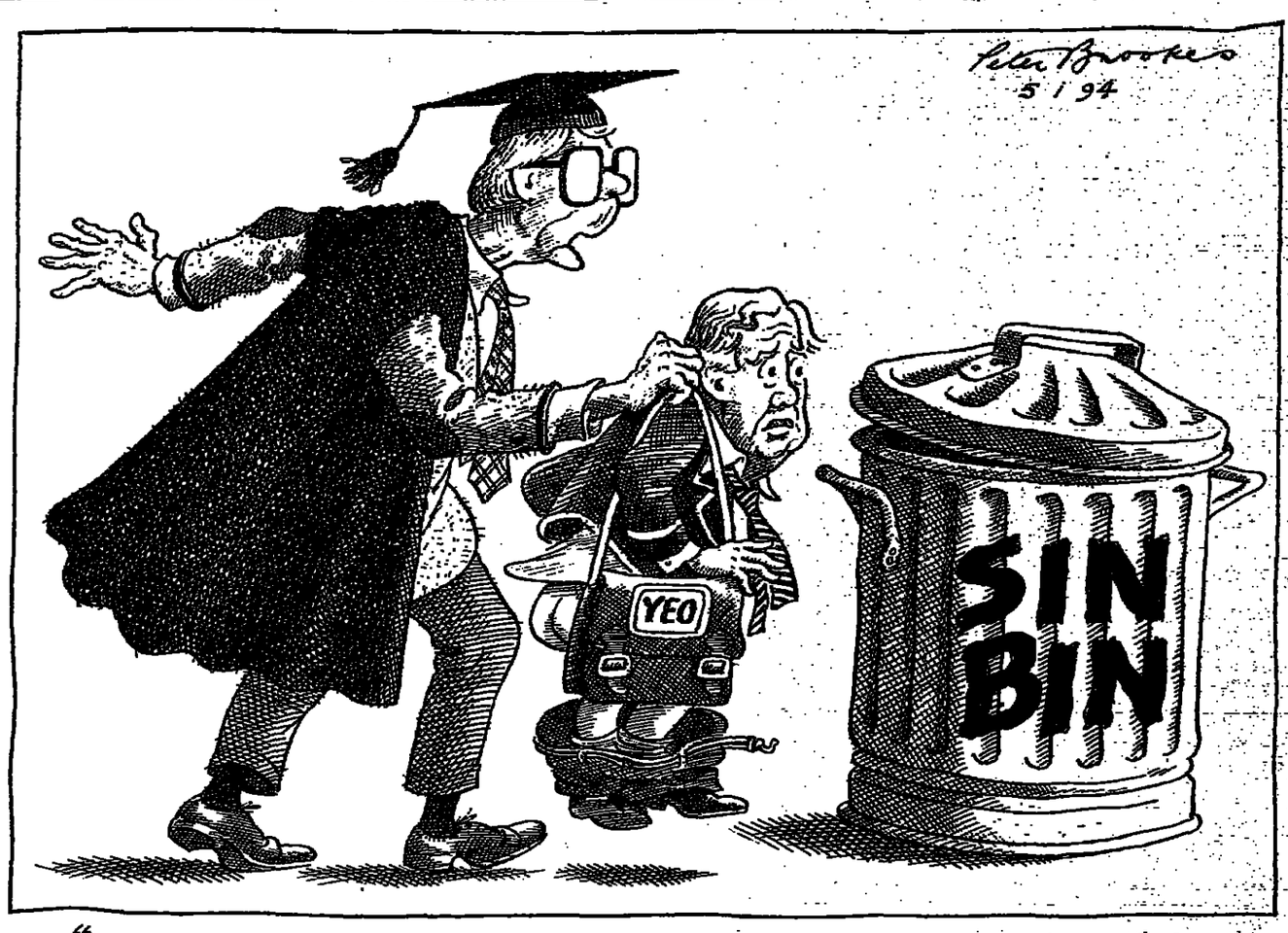
He faltered, as a lifetime's training struggled with the urge to invite this one to be pulled, on the grounds that it had bells on. And lost. It may have been that I struck him as a man to whom peers give cheese, it may have been that no liar in his right mind would ever dare a provenance as preposterous as Weston-super-Mare, who knows? All that matters is that, a few minutes later, the cheese and I were bound for France.

I have never known why Jeffrey sends people giant cheddars every New Year's Eve. Could be some arcane custom culled from his anthropological browsings, could be an adroit covert pun offered in witty consolation to those who have not made the Honours List to which he is doubtless privy, but whatever its purpose, the hard cheese is always welcome. And never more so than this year. This year I had for it a purpose of my own.

Ever since we set up hut here in Provence, I have been locked in contretemps with our *local fromager: since he is not merely a maj*or cheesemonger whose shelves creak with a hundred exemplars of top curdling from cow, goat and sheep to, for all I know, mare, vole and cat, but also the president of the regional association *fromagère*. I have for years sought to persuade him to import British cheeses. However, as you know, when it comes, in France, to British comestibles, the market grows suddenly uncommon. The French have a phrase for it: "*Ca n'existe pas.*" Worse, no matter how vauntingly comprehensive a fromager's advertised claims, he will tell you not merely that British cheese does not exist, but that even if it did it would be inedible. That is why I was acting as gauntlet-bearer to the Black Cheddar of Somerset on its noble challenge to French hegemony. I would cut the fromager a chunk and watch his eyes water, for Jeffrey gives cheddar so mature that it could doubtless make wiser decisions than any member of the Government its donor so loyally serves. Once tasted by my cheeseman, it would surely, henceforth, be ordered in bulk.

He is an honourable man, and did not, this morning, dissemble. His eyes rolled, his lips smacked, his entire mien compromised his patriotic stance. So will he now, I asked, be ordering it by the tonne? He looked at me. Dear God, how is it that I am so much less mature than my cheese? How could I have been so naïve as to imagine that a *Frenchman would give house-room to* a cheese so demonstrably superior to his own?

Thus it is that the best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley. French mice will never know what they have missed.



"THIS WILL HURT ME AS MUCH AS IT HURTS YOU"

Death of a profession

Ministers must leave scope for teachers to exercise their own discretion if schools are not to be staffed by automata

Simon Jenkins

Back in the days of prohibition, a courageous Chicago newspaper decided to tell the truth about Al Capone. The editor told his reporter to find Capone and put it to him that he was a crook. The reporter did as he was told, was beaten up and returned bruised and bleeding to his boss's office. "They beat me up," he said. The editor exploded with rage: "You go straight back and tell Mr Capone that I and this newspaper will not be intimidated in this way."

The Education Secretary, John Patten, has sent the nation's teachers on a similar mission over school discipline. They must get tough with the young brats, he says. They must stop pussy-footing and soft-talking. They must stop passing the buck to others. He is angry, up there in the education department. Boy, is he angry! He has stamped his foot with anger, as have his myriad officials.

Indeed he has gone beyond anger. He has circularised. Yesterday he put the last piece in the jigsaw of Whitehall *guidelines and regulations by which* teachers must get back to basics. So far, this new centralised regime has told teachers what to teach (the national curriculum); how to teach (standard attainment targets); where to teach (ideally in schools run by the Government's Funding Agency); and what happens if they teach poorly (performance-related pay and league tables). As to what happens if the little brats simply fail to respond, there has so far been a lamentable gap in standing orders. It is through such gaps that professional discretion, the scourge of Whitehall self-esteem, can so easily pour.

Mr Patten has plugged it. He has spent his holiday thinking up punishments for naughty pupils. Teachers will marvel at their originality. Mr Patten suggests making a child stand in the corner or "isolating" him. If that fails, the Secretary of State suggests more draconian penalties. These include reporting a miscreant to the headteacher, giving him detention during break, depriving him of privileges, suspending him for a period not exceeding 15 days, or — "only as a last resort" — expelling him. Children may be suspended for smoking or drinking alcohol, expelled for bullying or taking drugs. They may not be expelled for becoming pregnant. *If this seems arbitrary, remember that* absolute power tends to arbitrariness.

Mr Patten's punishments are to be codified by the itchy fingers of his underemployed officials into no fewer than six circulars. He will also hand down edicts on honesty, fairness, right-and-wrong, respect-for-others and politeness. The Ten Commandments have been shortened to the Six Circulars, but they will certainly be ten times as long. Teachers are told that having a "problem" must not be allowed "to prevent a child getting a full education"; but on the other hand, "one child must not be allowed to disrupt the education of others". That takes some beating for platitude. Mr Patten also intends that teachers should "set an example".

This is surely the death of teaching as an independent profession. The essence of a profession is personal discretion, judgment exercised free of state or other interference, based on a corpus of received wisdom. Mr Patten makes a mockery of this definition. The task of cramming pupils for centrally-structured curricula can be performed by any competent prefect. It does not need a diploma, let alone a degree.

To be sure there are bad teachers. Teaching was not the only profession to see troubled times in the 1970s. Architects and politicians did too. But Mr Patten and his predecessors have responded not by helping them back to strength but by deprofessionalising them. The principle of the 1944 Education Act — that school organisation is political, but content is professional — was torn up. The 1988 Education Reform Act sought to make the curriculum what Whitehall calls "teacher-proof". A truly awful 1992 education White Paper casually remarked that when it comes to schooling, "parents know better than educational theorists and administrators and better even than our mostly excellent teachers". If parents are to be treated as better than a "mostly excellent" teacher, where stands that teacher's *professionalism? Do patients really* know better than doctors? Do passengers really know better than pilots?

The Government's assault on the educators is not giving power to consumers. It is giving power to itself. When Kenneth Baker introduced his national curriculum, he was keen to ensure that as little time as possible in the school day was left to teachers' discretion. Not parents but his own staff laid down the core of maths, science, English and the peripheral foundation subjects. Quangos fixed syllabuses, with much interference from ministers. Huge manuals were issued and complex marking systems ordained and reordained — and are to be re-reordained by Sir Ron Dearing today. Parents were neither seen nor heard. The battle was Whitehall versus the teachers. Whitehall won.

The Conservatives used to be the party of the professions, believing that pluralist institutions offered checks and balances to a centralised state. A long period in office, however, has rotted that creed. Ministers claim discretion for themselves but dislike it in others. They shudder when a patient is wrongly treated, when a delinquent youth absconds, when a child is found alone at home. They blame the decision of a professional person, and take action to limit that person's future discretion. When a professional sneezes, a minister catches the plague. Officials are ordered to stamp on sneezing, gas all sneezers, take full powers to regulate sneezing in future. God forbid a parliamentary question on sneezing.

I believe that the Government is deprofessionalising Britain by stealth. Judges, surgeons, academics, accountants, lawyers — all are having their discretion curtailed by central government. Greater regulation, internal or external, is inevitable, even sensible. The public demands protection against malpractice and monopoly. It wants to see professions discipline their *members, and publicly. Hence the de*cision of the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal to hold its hearings in public, like the General Medical Council. The Press Complaints Commission might do well to follow suit.

But there is a world of difference between how doctors or teachers, lawyers or architects should be monitored for malpractice and who should decide the content of their work. I want redress against a doctor who cuts off the wrong leg. But I would be horrified if his treatment was dictated not by his professional training but by the latest musings of the health minister over her Christmas break (as I was shocked by Virginia Bottomley's attempt to ban post-menopausal motherhood).

Education has been prime victim of such interference. I suppose we all think we can teach. The case for a core national curriculum was strong, but by failing to draw one up, the teachers left the job to government instead, and opened the door to interference, centralism and now humiliation. Sir Ron Dearing is expected to advise a slimmer curriculum. He is not expected to reduce the bureaucracy of external assessment or the dictatorship of teachers having to "teach the exam" for fear of their school dropping down the league tables.

Quantification of education's inputs and outputs is not monitoring. It is one of the tools by which the Government can promote its new nationalised system of grant-maintained schools. Anybody who believes these will mean wider parental choice is a fool. As Stuart Sexton warned on this page last week, the first job of the nationalised Funding Agency will be to cope with the existing surplus of 1½ million empty school places. The agency will be directing reluctant parents to vacant places as never before. Schools left in the local authority sector will merely have to cope with the rejects of this dirigisme.

So I noted the sting in the tail of the draft circulars. Mr Patten has decided in his wisdom that a child can only be expelled to a local council referral centre, or "sin bin", as a last resort. "Too many schools", he says, are expelling disruptive pupils, even for such crimes as smoking or refusing to wear proper clothes. Too many for whose benefit?

At least at present local councils can strive to see that all schools take a share of difficult pupils. The increasingly selective grant-maintained schools will reject potentially difficult pupils, leaving them to tumble down the rejection ladder into the unpopular "sink schools" *where they will stick, legally unexpell*able. This is a sink schools charter, a splendid case of "from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath". What does the circular say about teaching a spirit of fairness?

Why I went to Sudan

The churches are the south's best hope, says George Carey

In one of the camps I have just visited in southern Sudan, a remarkable thing happened. It was at a place called Arepi, and it is home to about 35,000 displaced people, refugees in their own land.

It was New Year's Eve, and we were taken first to the local Episcopal (Anglican) Church. From my seat in front of the altar I looked down the length of this beautiful church, made of mud and thatch, and was faced with a forest of Dinka crosses held aloft by the exuberant congregation. They gave me a rapturous welcome. There I was given *my own Dinka cross by Bishop Nathan*iel Garang, the Anglican Bishop of Bor. As he did so, a baby dove which had flown into the church that very day swept down and settled on the cross. I was not alone in being struck by the symbolism of the dove, sign of peace, uniting with a symbol of suffering. This juxtaposition is the drama and the tragedy of the Sudan.

That dramatic picture stayed with me during my four-day visit. Few could fail to be touched by the desperate plight of the people, Christian and Muslim, of southern Sudan. My wife and I visited a therapeutic feeding centre in Arepi, where young babies and toddlers are *taken in for a few months to be brought* up to a healthy body-weight. Eileen picked up a child, who weighed 11 lb, and was told he was 18 months old. Our grandson, we realised, is the same weight at six months.

We heard many harrowing stories. People begged us for help, for food, for an ambulance, for a pitifully inadequate hospital, for training for teachers, but above all for peace, for the right to live in their own land and without fear, and practise their own faith alongside their Muslim brothers and sisters. No visitor could remain unmoved by human misery on such a scale.

Time and pain I was told that the most valuable gift we could give was simply to come to be with them. What they most valued was to know that the world had not forgotten them, that they are still part of the human family. It was humbling to realise that my mere presence was taken as a sign that the Christian world remembers them.

Intensity of need was matched by intensity of faith. Here was African worship, African music and dance, conducted with typical exuberance. After my visit to South Africa and Tanzania in 1993, I knew something of the power and the joy of their worship. But in Sudan, the silence of prayer also *made such a profound impression. The* familiar words of hymns and prayers took on an immediate and powerful relevance, and the Gospel sounded in my ears with new clarity. The spirit of these Christians was triumphing over the suffering that surrounds them. If life was more real, it was faith itself. Co-operating in the new Sudan Council for Churches, the churches provide the only social structure in this stricken region.

These felt like the four longest days of my life. Now it is important to convert the experience into practical commitment. So what can be done? First, religious toleration and freedom of worship can be upheld. The south does not see this as a religious war. All the Christians and Muslims I met insisted they could live together as good neighbours, as they have done for centuries.

Second, southern Sudan is begging for peace. The scale of human need is almost beyond belief. According to World Refugee Survey, five million Sudanese have been internally displaced by the war and natural disasters. There are 263,000 Sudanese refugees living in Zaire, Uganda, Kenya and elsewhere. Southern Sudan is looking to the international community for help. The United Nations must follow up its many resolutions and the report of its special rapporteur, Dr Gasir Biro, who pointed to grave infringements of human rights by the Sudanese People's Liberation Army and particularly by the Khartoum government. It is tragic that the army is divided, so weakening the south's capacity to negotiate with the Sudanese government. The south longs for peace, but not at any price: must go hand in hand with justice and freedom. The predominantly Christian south is not prepared to accept the forcible imposition of religion or religious codes of law.

Britain has an important role here. Again and again I was told of the special relationship our country has with Sudan. "Why has Britain forgotten us?" I was asked. I hope I was able to reassure them, and that we can go on being a voice for them in the power structures of world politics.

Third, I appeal to people in Britain to strengthen yet further their commitment, in prayer and practical support. I was present by an airstrip in Akot when a Hercules aircraft touched down with thousands of tons of sorghum provided by European Ecumenical Agencies, to which Christian Aid contributes. Food and medical supplies are still urgently needed.

The dove and the cross. The Pope, when he visited Khartoum, spoke of the experience of the south as "a living Calvary". He was right. But the people there are also experiencing new life as they embrace the cross, seeking the peace that has so long eluded them. Their country is bleeding, and we in Britain — to whom the Sudanese southerners naturally look for support — must continue to care for our brothers and sisters there, so that 1994 can be a year of peace for all Sudan's people.

The Archbishop returned from Sudan this week.

Scotch that idea

YOU CAN take the Secretary of State out of Scotland, but you can't, it seems, take Scotland out of the Secretary of State. Malcolm *Rifkind, who left the Scottish* Office four years ago and is now well ensconced at Defence, has marched straight into the row over the location of the new Gallery of Scottish Art. Should it be in Edinburgh or Glasgow? The trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland have controversially opted for Glasgow. Not altogether surprisingly, the MP for Edinburgh Pentlands disagrees.

What is surprising is how publicly he has chosen to voice his dissent. In a letter to *The Scotsman* yesterday, he described the trustees' decision as "unacceptable" and "profoundly mistaken".

Apart from reviving *auld* rivalries between the two cities, his intervention is bound to embarrass Ian Lang, the current Scottish Secretary, who may eventually be required to make peace. Ironically it also sets Rifkind at loggerheads with the nine trustees — seven of whom, including chairman Angus Grossart, he appointed when he was at the Scottish Office.

One person watching the dispute with interest is Timothy Clifford, director of the National Galleries in Edinburgh. "I am an Englishman, I feel totally impartial." *But the impartial English*man is backing the trustees, and warns Rifkind to expect a vigorous counter-offensive once he returns from his tour of the Gulf. "Glasgow's supporters have not yet wheeled out their big guns."

Back to ballet

FOR the first time since he left the Royal Ballet in 1983, Wayne Sleep, the diminutive dancer much admired by the Princess of Wales, has signed up for an extended run with a classical ballet company. The tousle-haired 45-year-old has agreed to work for the English National Ballet (whose patron is the Princess of Wales) from the beginning of February to the end of May, in a season which will see him flitting across the stage in more than 30 performances.

Sleep kicks off his comeback in the classical world by playing Dr Coppélius, the cranky toymaker who brings dolls back to life in Delibes's ballet *Coppelia* — a far cry from his current role as the cat in Birmingham Hippodrome's pantomime, *Dick Whittington*.

"He went from classical really to light entertainment," says his manager Brian Marshall. "But ballet is still his true love. I would call him the working man's ballet dancer."

Or the resting princess's?

Tory heart-throb

CONSERVATIVE ministers, as Tim Yeo is all too aware, need a little support from time to time, but one hopes that none of them resorts to drugs in moments of need. Lord Deedes, however, confesses that just such a need arose at the 1955 Tory conference when he was junior housing minister.

In *Dear Bill*, a forthcoming BBC2 documentary, the former editor of *The Daily Telegraph* recalls how he was asked to make a speech at short notice. "I had no paper, no notes. Absolutely nothing. I don't mind admitting to you that my cousin said, 'I think the speech may go better if I give you a purple heart'. It's the only time in my life I have had a purple heart ... they all looked like pygmies when I came off the platform."

● *Hatchards, the Piccadilly book*shop which supplies the Queen *Mother with her bedtime reading, has mounted an impressive dis*play for Life in the Freezer, *Sir David Attenborough's bestselling saga of animal life in the Antarc*tic. The display appears to be in *the cookery section.*

Unequal to the last

THE yuk-factor notwithstanding, one of the driving forces behind *the Orwellian research into the* use of eggs from aborted foetuses is the severe shortage of human egg donors. And one of the reasons suggested for that is that while men are often paid to donate sperm, women receive nothing for the far more demanding process of giving eggs.

No one looks better placed to end this obvious injustice than Lady Brittan, who as well as being deputy chairman of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and wife of Sir Leon, also sits on the Equal Opportunities Commission. Her views, however, are unlikely to endear her to the band of male medical students who supplement their grants by doing what comes naturally. "We *would wish to phase out payment* for sperm."

Nor is she in favour of equal opportunities when it comes to reproduction among the over-60s. "That is not what nature intended," she says firmly.

● *Rat-catching British Rail cats are apparently not the only species threatened by the impending pri*vatisation of the rail network. *Staff at BR's Sheffield Red Star office have now secured the future of the depot's four goldfish. It's a verbal contract, says depot man*ager Kevin Law. "*Anybody who ac*tually takes over the business will *have to take on the fish as well." Probably the only bit making a profit anyway.*

Union bashing

SIR TEDDY TAYLOR, the Eurosceptic who is reportedly toying with the idea of standing in this year's European Parliament elections, may have a soulmate or two in the hustings. For the first time, the Islamic Party of Britain is planning to field constituents for the Euro-elections in at least three constituencies. And like Taylor, the Islamic party has its feet firmly in the sceptics' camp.

"We will be fighting against things like a single European currency and a European bank, and anything else that amounts to an erosion of national sovereignty," says Sahib Mustaqim Bleher, the party's spokesman.

While the Muslims' hopes are high, Taylor warns that it will be difficult to turn the European tide. "I wish the Islamic party every success, but the sad fact is that the Maastricht Treaty has been signed. I'm afraid they may be shutting the stable door ..."



LESSONS IN BEHAVIOUR

A welcome drive for classroom discipline

John Patten's most common refrain since he became Education Secretary has been that "schools are not value-free zones". He has pressed head teachers to give pupils a sense of right and wrong and campaigned vigorously against bullying and truancy. Yesterday Mr Patten issued general guidelines on school discipline; though scarcely a return to the classroom regimentation of 40 years ago, they offer a welcome disciplinary framework within which teachers can work when faced with disruptive pupils.

The decline in school discipline should not be exaggerated. Last month the Office for Standards in Education reported that most classrooms were orderly and calm. Yet anecdotal and official evidence suggest that disorder mars the prospects of well-behaved pupils and the working lives of teachers in a growing minority of schools. The Elton report commissioned by the Government in 1988 found that almost 2 per cent of teachers faced physical aggression each week and that some schools experienced enormous difficulties maintaining an acceptable level of discipline. Far too many lessons are disrupted by a small number of pupils who cannot be controlled; far too many teachers leave the profession because their lives are made intolerable by indiscipline.

The growth in class sizes is partly to blame. But so too is the liberal educational ideology which has been prevalent since the 1960s. The "child-centred" approach to teaching is inherently hostile to imposed discipline, being founded on the belief that pupils should find their own path to learning. Though few teachers have accepted this doctrine without reservation, many — particularly in primary schools — have felt constrained by it when trying to keep order. In most state schools, disciplinary procedures have remained far too vague: a recipe for injustice as well as disorder.

Each school will now be expected to develop a clear policy on pupil behaviour, which mixes the incentive of praise and the risk of punishment and is published in prospectuses and annual reports. More specifically, the guidelines discourage the exclusion of pupils from school for minor offences such as occasional swearing or failure to complete homework. But this is not a centralist measure, establishing fixed penalties for each act of misbehaviour. Teachers have been given no new powers; nor has the Education Secretary introduced sanctions for schools that do not follow this advice. The merit of the guidelines is that they establish a general benchmark against which heads, teachers and parents can measure disciplinary policy in their own schools.

Two matters remain unresolved, however. The 1989 Children Act has made many teachers afraid of issuing reprimands to pupils as this may be misrepresented in court as verbal abuse. Yet again, poor drafting has left legislation open to dubious interpretation; it is essential that the Education Department's review of the Act be carried out speedily and effectively.

Secondly, it must not become too difficult for schools to exclude the most unruly pupils. The new guidelines are intended to limit exclusions, and to keep children at school until all other measures have failed. Though none could quarrel with this objective, there should be no further attempts to restrict the rights of head teachers to exclude and expel children, rights which have recently been curtailed by new funding arrangements and by the 1993 Education Act. Ministers should regard the provision of pupil referral units for excluded pupils as an essential item within the educational budget. If today's Dearing report on the national curriculum is to be effective, schools must not be denied the authority necessary to maintain a tolerable working environment.

THE PEASANTS' REVOLT

Mexico will suffer if modernisation ignores democracy

After a poor turnout in two state elections last July Mexicans joked that the football match the same day between Mexico and Argentina had proved far more attractive — because the result was not known in advance. The paradoxically named Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) has ruled the country since 1929, bringing a measure of stability at the price of corruption and electoral fraud. But when frustration with the system explodes, as now in the impoverished southern state of Chiapas, there is no democratic safety valve for letting off steam. In this case the result was scores of fatalities.

The conflict between guerrilla leaders in Chiapas and the authorities has a sad, familiar ring. Quarrels between wealthy ranchers, landlords and the peasantry over land have been behind many insurgencies further south in Central America. These disputes have roots in ancient quarrels between Cortes's Spanish *conquistadores* and the dispossessed American Indians.

Centuries of oppression bred a culture which led to American Indians being treated hardly better than serfs by the landowning classes. Even after the 1910 revolution, the plight of the Indians, successors of the great Mayan culture, scarcely improved. Guerrilla fighters who ignore the demise of the cold war still look for a solution to the common people's woes in socialism.

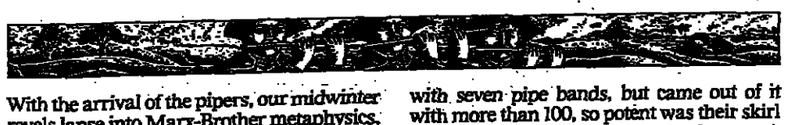
The insurrection coincides with the formal start of the North American Free Trade Agreement, signed by the United States, Canada and Mexico late last year, which should eventually benefit Mexico's poor. But the guerrillas claim that this capitalist pact's benefits will only be felt in the industrialised north and will lead to the destruction of the Indian's traditional way of life in the south.

Although the insurgents hardly represent a major threat to the security forces, the Government is uneasy. President Salinas de Gortari has won the plaudits of First World bankers for his imaginative economic reform programme, his free-trading credentials and assaults on the bloated state sector. But his government still lacks legitimacy. In 1988, after an election in which it is still not clear whether he won a plurality of votes, President Salinas and his *technico* government promised "democracy and modernisation with growth". Five years later he has delivered on the economy but he has failed to deliver democratic reform.

Señor Salinas defends his record by pointing to the fate of Mikhail Gorbachev and the former Soviet Union. He argues that economic reform must precede political change. Critics of the regime point to a culture of corruption, unhindered drug trafficking and a country where the rule of law is nominal at best. Mexican journalists who are not suborned by government economic pressure have an exceedingly high mortality rate. The peasants' revolt in Chiapas, which has one of the worst human rights records in Mexico, is a symbol of the country's social dislocation.

But in the long term, it may be hard for Mexico to continue as a one-party state. Nafta could end up bringing true democracy to the country along with free trade and inward investment. Later this year Señor Salinas's chosen successor, Luis Donaldo Coloso, will fight a national election, probably with billions of dollars worth of patronage at his disposal. Whether or not he beats his left-wing opponent, Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, the winds of change from the north will continue to blow.

ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING



With the arrival of the pipers, our midwinter revels lapse into Marx-Brother metaphysics, and the obsessive bounty of the true love takes on a threatening note. The appropriate response to the true love would be 11 gorillagrams, and an order for ear-muffs.

Bagpipes, like haggis and the vexed question of what is worn under the kilt ("Nothing, it's all in perfect working order"), are aspects of the Scottish idiosyncrasy that superior Sassenachs affect to find funny. Three centuries ago, that bigoted London nationalist, Samuel Pepys, wrote that the skirl of the bagpipes was "at its best, simply barbarous music"; more recently P. J. O'Rourke engaged in the dangerous sport of Scots-baiting by remarking: "Their idiot music has been dreaded by those not blessed with deafness for at least five centuries." For Celtic and Balkan races, perhaps because they tend to live in remote mountains, the pipes make old and beautiful music. For Scots they have become a national symbol. Along with the kilt, pipes were banned after the abortive 1715 and 1745 risings, but the Government found that the new regiments they set up to police the Highlands used to march without their pipers. Bagpipes put a swagger back in the weariest walk over the heather or high road, and a regiment marching through its home town with pipes playing and bayonets fixed is a spectacle to bring tears to the driest eye. The British Army went into the First World War with seven pipe bands, but came out of it with more than 100, so potent was their skirl and drone at driving men over the top. A Black Watch march called Black Bear has a periodic pause for bloodcurdling screams from the charging troops: a piper won the VC for continuing to play it while lying on the sand mortally wounded at Alamein.

Modern tactics find less use for massed infantry charges. Accordingly, last year's reorganisation will reduce the British Army's pipe bands to two, Highland and Lowland. But the martial music of the pipes was almost as successful an export around the Empire as cricket, and is still used to keep regiments in step and morale high from the Indian subcontinent to Australia and from South Africa to Canada, and even America.

The intricacies of the pibroch, passed down orally by hereditary pipers, preserve the last enchantments of the old clan civilisation before the men in suits took over from the men in blankets. Pipes, whether bagpipes or simple flutes, are some of the oldest musical instruments in the world. They are democratic, easily made by the poorest people, but capable of great subtlety. As an instrument for dancing, pipes suit all levels of society. But he who pays the piper calls the time. As a precaution, any recipient of 11 pipers piping should ask them to play across a loch, preferably as wide as Loch Lomond. The way to enjoy pipes is from a safe distance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The moral price of donor births

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, Current controversies over so-called "designer babies" (reports, January 4, etc; letters, January 1, 4) have a common ethical root. It is important not to distract attention from this by focusing on such subsidiary questions as the age of the mother or the colour of the child. The main ethical issue is the use of donors in the reproductive process, and the macabre consequences of this are now fully revealed in the most recent proposal to use foetal ova.

From the start the churches have been suspicious of artificial insemination by donor. They have drawn a clear moral distinction between the use of donors, whether of sperm or ova, and "assisted reproduction", including in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), whereby a couple are enabled to have a child which is genetically and in every other way their own. Unfortunately IVF also opens the door to other permutations and combinations on the theme of gamete donation, of which the latest examples are perhaps only a foretaste.

The main moral objections to the use of donors centre on the problems of identity, and the nature of the reproductive process. Worries about the sense of identity of children born by these means have frequently been expressed, and never satisfactorily answered. The intrusion of third, or even fourth, parties into the reproductive process breaks the normal continuum of love, sexual intercourse, gestation, and parental care.

Though the use of donors may satisfy individual wants, it could have profound long-term social consequences in furthering a mechanistic and consumer-orientated approach to a basic human experience. An American writer, Andrew Kimbrell, has coined the phrase, "the human body shop", which neatly sums up the direction in which our culture is moving, in its aspirations towards children as products rather than gifts.

It would be naive to imagine that the use of donors could now be halted. There is still time, though, to ensure that it is not further encouraged, or carried over into even more bizarre variations. Priority could be given to those forms of infertility treatment which concentrated on the use of a couple's own gametes, on the grounds that the easier option of harvesting gametes from other sources is likely to lead us into a deeper and deeper ethical morass.

Research-funding agencies which care about such matters could give a moral lead when allocating their resources. And public opinion could be educated to accept that the price of meeting a few unfortunate people's desire for children is morally too high.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EBOR:
Bishopthorpe Palace,
Bishopthorpe, York.
January 4.

Medical mishaps

From Mr David Bolt

Sir, I read with great sympathy the articles by Jeremy Laurance and Roger Dobson (December 20) criticising the way the present system of litigation operates in cases of medical mishap, particularly with respect to the delay involved in reaching settlements of compensation.

As they indicated, the problems arise from the continued use of the tort principle and could readily be corrected by the introduction of a system of "no-fault" compensation, such as is operated in several countries, notably Sweden.

The Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury, usually known as the Pearson Commission, which reported in 1978, said of the tort system that it is too costly, too cumbersome, too prone to delay and too capricious in its operation to be defensible, yet we continue to employ it.

It seems unlikely that when the enquiry currently considering the impact of litigation upon the finances of trust hospitals makes its report, it will recommend any major change.

The support which Mr Laurance and Mr Dobson have given to a move to a no-fault system is, therefore, most welcome.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BOLT
(Chairman, BMA working party on no-fault compensation),
British Medical Association,
BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1.
December 29.

Assessing the Lords

From Mr Peter Bottomley, MP for Eltham (Conservative)

Sir, Leading article today: "Few regard it (the modern House of Lords) as more than a harmless relic of the past and a convenient retirement home for elderly or banished politicians."

Obituaries today: Baroness Elliot, Viscount Wimborne, Lord Porritt. No other.

Yours humbly,
PETER BOTTOMLEY,
House of Commons.
January 4.

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The provocation of North Korea

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, The North Koreans have as much right to own nuclear weapons as any other sovereign state, including the United States (leading article, December 27). They would have to withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty to do so, but their right to withdraw is guaranteed by the treaty.

Certainly the North Koreans' situation has changed since they signed the treaty in 1985. First, the Soviet Union, previously their supporting superpower, has collapsed, and Russia is not inclined to provide equivalent protective guarantees.

Second, the United States continues, regularly and frequently, to conduct massive nuclear-capable exercises right up against North Korea's border and airspace, even simulating attacks on its coast: just the kind of thing, unfortunately, to persuade North Korea it needs a deterrent nuclear capability of its own.

Moreover, the 40-year-old armistice has left a single United States general as commander-in-chief of the United Nations "forces" still in South Korea, as C-in-C of the South Korean forces, and as C-in-C of the US forces in South Korea. He commands the various nuclear-capable exercises, of which the United Nations takes no cognisance. None of which can reassure North Korea about the role of the UN.

Note that the Japanese government, precisely in order not further to inflame the atmosphere in the area, recently moved some exercises it was due to conduct opposite the Korean peninsula right away to one of its southernmost islands. Note also that the United States has no objection to Israel's substantial stockpile of nuclear weapons.

The US seems to believe that Israel has acquired nuclear weapons entirely for the deterrence they provide. In fact, there is little reason to think the North Koreans, or any of the other "rogue states", seek anything else than deterrence: they do not want to be pushed around. So when you suggest that we, and the Chinese, and the Japanese, and the South Koreans, and the rest of the world, should simply accept the US judgment, the answer has to be no: not while they so signally fail to recognise the consequences of their own actions.

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH YOUNG,
100 Bayswater Road, W2.
December 27.

From Mr Aidan Foster-Carter

Sir, As someone who has studied North Korea for a quarter of a century — following events there daily for over a decade — I deplore the sabre-rattling talk indulged in by the Lee Williamses in their letter of December 29, and indeed by your own leader of December 27.

By common consent, Kim Il Sung's regime is idiosyncratic, isolated and bellicose. The need for vigilance has not lessened in the past 40 years, and may now be increasing. What I regret is the lack of imagination in Allied policy towards Pyongyang, which can only serve to make North Korea feel more cornered than ever.

In all this waving of sticks, who has even tried the carrot? In the neighbouring case of China, political uncertainty *vis-à-vis* Hong Kong and Taiwan has been much reduced by the growth of a dense mesh of economic ties in recent years. Would that the US and South Korean governments would relax their bans on (respectively) trading with, and investing in, North Korea.

That way, ordinary North Koreans could see for themselves the benefits of capitalism and of a more open attitude towards the outside world.

Their bankrupt economy means that they would have little choice but to accept.

Yours faithfully,
AIDAN FOSTER-CARTER,
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4th floor, Chase Plaza Building,
34-35 Chung-dong,
Choong-ku, Seoul, South Korea.
January 4.

Town hall review

From Miss Regina Kibel

Sir, If local government reorganisation (letters, December 21, 28, 31) results in the abolition of large councils, then, to quote Sir John Boynton's essay of December 13, "the Government would have to deal mainly with small or medium-sized local authorities lacking the expertise and resources available to the existing large county councils. Centralisation and the marginalisation of local government could continue apace, with less chance of opposition".

The Government apparently cannot stomach any power base that can challenge its own. People's choice is acceptable only if it concurs with the Government's views. Influential local authorities, chosen by the people of their areas, cannot be relied upon to deliver such agreement — hence the effort to destroy or undermine them.

Yours faithfully,
REGINA KIBEL,
7 Barham House,
Molyneux Street, W1.
January 1.

Greek resilience

From Mr G. A. Michaelides

Sir, In your leading article about Greece ("Our Balkan cousins", December 22) you state that "the value of Greece in any security arrangement is unlikely to be great".

Leading article writers and politicians have very short memories indeed. In the last war, when Greece was even poorer than today, they beat the Italian Fascists and held the unstoppable might of Nazi Germany much longer than the French. Their resistance against the occupation reached Homeric proportions and saved the lives of countless British soldiers.

As Churchill said in *The Second World War*, vol 3: "Greek martial honour stands undimmed."

Yours faithfully,
G. A. MICHAELIDES,
76 Turnpike Lane, N8.
December 22.

Price of progress

From Mr Charles W. Traylen

Sir, Mr P. M. Mander (letter, December 27) suggests that copper coinage should be done away with. I hope this will not happen because before retiring I empty my trouser pockets of copper coins and 5p pieces, and at the end of the year a charity benefits by some £40 to £50.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES W. TRAYLEN,
26 Mount Place,
Guildford, Surrey.
January 4.

From Mr Ron Footer

Sir, An obvious first step towards eliminating copper coins (letters, December 27, 28) would be to outlaw the practice of pricing goods at 1p less than a whole number of pounds — for example, £99.99.

Yours sincerely,
R. FOOTER,
15 East Woodside,
Bexley, Kent.
December 29.

Top of the crime league

From Mr Brian Reece

Sir, In reporting (December 24) the case of Duane Daniels you say his admitted 959 crimes topped the Old Bailey's league table of offences.

I recall in the late 1970s representing a client at the Old Bailey who admitted 16 sample counts and asked the court to take into consideration a further 1,187 offences. Certainly, these were less serious than many admitted by Daniels, and arose out of a nationwide operation to defraud banks by cashing stolen cheques each to the value of £30. No doubt this explains the sentence of two years' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

As far as I am aware, this was, at the time, the highest number of offences ever dealt with in a single case. It probably still is.

Yours,
BRIAN REECE,
1 Middle Temple Lane, EC4.

Goin' a' Thomasin'

From Mr R. M. Brettell

Sir, The custom of begging on St Thomas's Day (Mr S. J. Davies's letter, December 23) was still alive in this part of the Black Country when I was a boy some 60 years ago.

There was one old man who used to come to our house on December 21 every year, and when the door was opened he would recite the rhyme:

Please to remember St Thomas's Day,
The longest night and the shortest day,
If you haven't got a penny,
a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny,
God bless you!

He would bob up and down all the time he was reciting, and when he reached the end of the verse he would take off his cap and hold it out for a donation. He always received a silver threepenny bit.

We knew this custom as "Gooding Day", the vowel being pronounced long as in "cooling", and I see that the Oxford English Dictionary records this usage.

As far as our visitor was concerned, the custom died out in the 1930s, and I have never heard of any other instance of it.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. BRETTELL,
112 Acres Road, Quarry Bank,
Brierley Hill, West Midlands.
December 23.

From Mr James W. Gillett

Sir, Here in this small Georgian town of Ampthill, on December 21 widows used to go round the town "Goodening" — that is, calling on large houses and tradesmen for gifts of money.

The day's takings were then shared equally between the widows, who in 1881 received three shillings each. I remember this custom was still being observed in the early 1920s.

Also on St Thomas's Day loaves of bread known as "Tommy loaves" were distributed at the parish church and the day was called by the town's folk "Tommy Loaf Day". This custom was discontinued in the early 1970s.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES W. GILLETT,
16 Lea Road,
Ampthill, Bedfordshire.
December 29.

A little older, a little wiser?

From Mr Ian Flintoff

Sir, Your education correspondent's assertion (report, December 27) that people in the age group 50 to 69 are less "educated" than those now in their late teens or twenties deserves analysis.

The 50 to 69 group is not homogeneous. Those older than 60 will, at best, have been allowed to sit the School Certificate. This exam cannot be compared to anything that exists today since it was quite possible to do well in certain subjects and still "fail" the exam, thus being denied any certificate of accomplishment for life.

Then came the General Certificate of Education, which made greater demands for its award than the Certificate of Secondary Education that was introduced in 1965.

The GCSE, introduced in 1988, is still at a comparatively early stage to judge its effect on true educational standards in the adult population.

The effect of these changes has been that younger people (in my view quite correctly) have something more to show than older ones for the years they have spent in full-time education.

But it is arguable that older people, victims of a system which denied them easy access to paper qualifications, are in fact more "educated" than younger ones, in terms of literacy, numeracy and a sound understanding of social, political and cultural matters.

Many older people often confess with some sadness that they are surprised how many young people seem ill-informed, inarticulate, indifferent, and socially and politically unaware, given the enormous technological opportunities for enlightenment at the present time.

Yours sincerely,
IAN FLINTOFF,
22 Chaldon Road, SW6.
January 1.

Nursery education

From Mr David Soskin

Sir, As the founder of a fast-growing provider of pre-school education and daycare, I am appalled that John Major is contemplating providing more places in state nursery education (report, December 23).

I had understood that it is Conservative policy for the State to be the enabler and not the provider of services. Whilst the Moser Commission is correct that nursery school education should be a priority, it is surely not the answer for the State directly to provide the places.

The private sector is well placed to cater for the needs of the under-fives. It can do this at a lower cost and at a higher quality than the Government could possibly manage.

If John Major wants to ensure that provision is available to all, irrespective of income, the Education Secretary's decision to study plans to provide vouchers to eligible parents (report, December 27) is to be welcomed.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SOSKIN,
71 New End, Hampstead, NW3.

Star of Bethlehem

From Dr Patrick Moore

Sir, May I, as someone who looks at the sky a great deal, make a quick comment about the Star of Bethlehem? Of course stars and planets do not move in this way (letters, January 1): the old red herring of a planetary conjunction (Jupiter and Saturn, in 7BC) has been raised again, but is completely out of court, if only because it was not brief and anyone could have seen it.

The only astronomical object which would move quickly eastward would be a meteor. Two meteors in roughly the same path, at an interval, would not have been widely seen. So if there is anything in the story, surely this is the only plausible answer.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK MOORE,
Farthings, West Street, Selsey, Sussex.
January 1.

Howzat!

From Mrs Sian Dalrymple

Sir, Amongst his presents this Christmas my father received a miniature cricket bat signed by Imran Khan. We were amused to see a tag attached saying, "Imran Khan: Sussex and England." If only ... we might have beaten the Pakistanis then.

Yours faithfully,
SIAN DALRYMPLE,
12 Offerton Road, SW4.

Still submerged

From Dr Alistair Chesser

Sir, Mr J. G. Bagley (letter, December 31) will no doubt be relieved to hear that in Malawi the cliché "the tip of the iceberg" is little understood, most of the population having had no experience of such things. The equivalent is "the ears of the hippopotamus".

Yours faithfully,
ALISTAIR CHESSER,
Kamuzu Central Hospital,
PO Box 149, Lilongwe, Malawi.
January 2.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as patron, will visit the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, at 11.00; will open the Bertram Diabetes Eye Unit, West Norwich Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, at 12.05; and will launch the Foyer Programme at the Norwich YMCA, 48 St Giles Street, at 1.05.

Birthdays today

The King of Spain celebrates his birthday today.

The Grand Duke of Luxembourg celebrates his birthday today.

Mr Alfred Brendel, concert pianist, 63; Mr Tom Burke, environmentalist, 47; Mr Terry Davis, MP, 56; the Earl of Dudley, 74; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Hanmer Hanbury, former Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, 78; Sir Frank Hartley, pharmaceutical chemist, 83; Sir Alan Hume, civil servant, 81; Miss Diane Keaton, actress, 48; Lord Kingsdown, 67; Miss Jan Leeming, broadcaster, 52; Mr Maurizio Pollini, pianist, 52; Major-General H. Quinlan, 88; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, 54; Mr Wilhelm Soukop, sculptor, 87; General Sir John Stibbon, 59; the Hon Mrs Alison Wright, director-general, British Invisibles, 49; Lord Wynford, 77.

Appointment

William John Warren to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals. He will be assigned to the Croydon office of the London South Region.

Marriages

Professor D. Farrell and Miss A. Montgomery

The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 29, in Ballymoney, of David Farrell, of Armidale, New South Wales, Australia, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs James Farrell, of Kells, Co Meath, and Annabel Montgomery, daughter of the late Mr Jack Montgomery and of Mrs Montgomery, of The Round House, Benvarden, Co Antrim.

Mr M.J. Gazzard and Miss B. Porth

The marriage took place on December 11, 1993, at Nassau, Bahamas, of Mike Gazzard, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Gazzard, of Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, to Brenda Porth, daughter of Mrs Dorothy Porth and the late Mr Charles Porth, of London.

Mr C.W. Purves and Miss E.V. Vernon

The marriage took place on Sunday, December 19, at St Paul's (The Actors') Church, Covent Garden, of Mr Christopher Watt Purves, youngest son of Dr Michael and Dr Jean Purves, of Clifton, Bristol, and Miss Edwina Victoria Vernon, daughter of the late Flight-Lieutenant Edward Vernon, RAF, and of Mrs W.R. Jenkins, and step-daughter of Mr William Robertson Jenkins, of Stockton Heath, Warrington, Cheshire. Father John Knight, chaplain to the English National Opera, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, was attended by Kate Jenkins, Kathy Colwell, Anna Purves and Alexa Ponkin. Mr Anthony Purves was best man.

A reception was held at Smith's, Covent Garden, and the honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Say, political economist, Lyons, 1767; Robert Morrison, founder of Protestant missions in China, Morpeth, 1782; King Camp Gillette, inventor of the safety razor, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 1855; Konrad Adenauer, 1st Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Cologne, 1876; Humbert Wolfe, poet, Milan, 1886, he died on this day, London, 1940; Jack Lovelock, surgeon and Olympic 1,500m gold medallist (1936), Cushington, New Zealand, 1910; Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistant 1971-77, Larkana, India, 1928.

DEATHS: Edward the Confessor, King of England reigned 1042-66, London, 1066; Joseph Gillot, pioneer of the steel pen, Birmingham, 1873; Sir Ernest Shackleton, explorer, South Georgia, Antarctica, 1922; Calvin Coolidge, 30th American President 1923-29, Northampton, Massachusetts, 1933; Sonny Liston, boxer, Las Vegas, 1971.

One day cricket was born when England played Australia at Melbourne because the Test match had been abandoned by the previous day's rain, 1971.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIER: D A Cranston - To Multi National Div, 6.1.94; J B Palmer - To be Comdt HQ REME Trg Grp, 4.1.94; A E G Truluck - To HQ UKLF, 4.1.94.

COLONEL: P D P McQueen - To HQ ARRC, 5.1.94; M H H Brooke - To HQ Cdo Fcs RM, 4.1.94; A T B Kimber - To MoD, 5.1.94.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: D F Davies AGC (SPS) - To AGC Trg Cen, 4.1.94; J L Goodridge WG - To MoD, 4.1.94; E J Gould RTR - To SHAPE Staff (BAE), 4.1.94; A D Hall REME - To SEME, 6.1.94; L Henderson RAMC - To BMH RINTELN, 3.1.94; C D McK Kemp R Signals - To Sch of Sigs, 4.1.94; M J Lock AGC (SPS) - To HQ BAOR, 3.1.94; W F De Mello RAMC - To CMH, 3.1.94; S E Reynolds AGC (SPS) - To HQ UKLF, 6.1.94; I M Ross RLC - To HQ NEDIST R & L Staff, 4.1.94; J M Ross R Signals - To MoD, 4.1.94; T S Spicer SG - To CATC, 4.1.94; S J Tetlow REME - To be CO AMF (L) Cbt Svc Sup Reg, 4.1.94; J B C Prescott R Anglian - To FG & IMRO (N), 4.1.94.

Retirements

COLONEL: A G H Curtis Late RRF, 9.1.94; G P Jones Late REME, 7.1.94.


STEPHEN MARKESON

Residents enjoy a rest and a chat in the gardens they created on wasteland at Longsight, Greater Manchester

New gardens take over from the weeds

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE 20th Century has done little to emulate the great urban and municipal parks created by the Georgians and the Victorians. Modern attempts to "green" our townscapes mainly involve landscaping derelict wasteland and are designated, in characteristically uninspiring planners' jargon, as "open spaces."

Nonetheless, their importance should not be overlooked. Even the smallest project can provide a valued amenity, help to foster community enterprise, act as a deterrent to vandalism and encourage other neighbourhoods to follow its example.

Crowcroft community gardens, in Longsight, Greater Manchester, lie just off the main road between Manchester and Stockport. The area is a survival from the pre-concrete age, a place of narrow streets lined by back-to-back houses, few of which have gardens of their own, but where a sense of community is still happily evident.

In early 1991 residents decided to tidy up a patch of land next to the local school which had become overgrown with weeds and was frequently used for fly-tipping. The education authority allowed them to remove the railings and clear the refuse and undergrowth to make way for a rockery. All the work was carried out by local people at their own expense.

The next stage was to seek technical advice on creating a more ambitious community garden. In January 1992 the newly formed residents' association was awarded a £25,000 grant from the Environment Department's community initiative fund and, with further help from other bodies including the city council, Granada Television and Nature in the City, the area was planted with silver birch, ornamental cherry trees and a variety of shrubs and climbing plants.

The project has also included painting walls and adorning them with trellises and hanging baskets, and the provision of outdoor seating and a children's play area. In the summer the gardens are used for barbecues and other events, and most residents do some weeding, mowing and pruning. The Shell Better Britain campaign has provided funds to buy garden tools, and there are plans for a greenhouse where people can produce their own bedding plants from seed.

☐ Crowcroft community gardens have been shortlisted for the 1993 Community Enterprise Awards, sponsored by The Times and Business in the Community. The winners will be announced on January 17.

University news

Bristol

Koorosh Khodabandehloo, Reader in Manufacturing Engineering and Director of the Advanced Manufacturing and Automation Research Centre at the university, to the Chair in Mechanical Engineering.

Dr Barry Everitt, Reader in Neuroscience in the Department of Anatomy, Cambridge university, to a Chair in Anatomy.

Dr Judith Bryce, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Italian, at Hull university, to the Chair in Italian.

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Francis Carlos, Rector, St Michael and All Angels, Wentnor, St Margaret, Ratlinghope; St John Baptist, Myndtown; All Saints, Norbury; St Peter, More; Holy Trinity, Lydham; St Mary the Virgin, Snead (Hereford): to retire as from July 31 1994.

The Rev John Dobson, Rector, Saxlingham, Nethergate and Shotesham (Norwich): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Richard Grace, Vicar, Salt and Sandon w Burston (Lichfield): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Robert Haines, Team Vicar, All Saints, Speke (Liverpool): resigned as from October 31.

The Rev Canon Dr John Kelly, Prebend of Highleigh (Chichester): now resigned.

The Rev Preb Geoffrey Lester: to resign as Prebendary of Combe VI and be appointed a Prebendary Emeritus (Bath and Wells).

The Rev James McGowan, Rector, Warbleton and Bodle Street Green (Chichester): to retire as from November 14.

The Rev William Sturdy, Vicar, Cringleford w Colney and Bawburgh, Rural Dean of Humbleyard, and Chaplain BUPA Hospital, Colney (Norwich): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Canon David Ainsworth, Rector, Northrepps w Sidestrand, Chaplain, Sidestrand School, and an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral (Norwich): to retire as from November 30.

The Rev Paul Davis, Rector, The Bromleys (Chelmsford): to retire as from January 26.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Armstrong and Miss D. Powell

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs William Armstrong, of Okehampton, Devon, and Dupé, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Powell, of Frensham, Surrey.

Mr L.O. Bartram and Miss L.E. Gilchrist

The engagement is announced between Lucien, third son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Osborne Bartram, of Bristol, Avon, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gilchrist, of Partridge Green, West Sussex.

Mr R.A.B. Bevan and Miss B.D. Anastopolis

The engagement is announced between Roger Bevan and Beverly Anastopolis.

Mr J.A. Forsyth and Miss M.J. Darling

The engagement is announced between Angus, elder son of Mr Alastair Forsyth and the late Mrs Joy Forsyth, and stepson of Mrs Alastair Forsyth, of Weasenham, Norfolk, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Darling, of Abthorpe, Northamptonshire.

Mr A. Freeman and Miss A.J. Robbins

The engagement is announced between Allan, son of Dr and Mrs P. Freeman, of Southend-on-Sea, Essex, and Anna, daughter of Captain D.F. Robbins, RN, of Nantgwynant, Gwynedd, and the late Mrs P. Robbins, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr T.W. Grandage and Miss E.M.Q. Hiltermann

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Dr Christopher Grandage and the late Mrs Grandage, of Kensington, London, and Erica Marie Quirine, daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw Lennard Hiltermann-Henket, of Leuvenheim, The Netherlands.

Mr N.M.G. Harvey and Miss K.L. Hinde

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Harvey, of Wickhambrook, Suffolk, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Hinde, of Wykham, Banbury, Oxon.

Mr R. Hattersley and Miss C.M. Owen

The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Hattersley, of Helmsley, North Yorkshire, and Caroline Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Owen, of Eldwick, West Yorkshire.

Mr S. Hopkins and Miss C.A.H. Burrows

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Tudor Hopkins, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and Clare, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs T.R. Burrows, of Chieveley, Berkshire.

Mr R.J. Lloyd and Miss S.A. Brangwin

The engagement is announced between Richard John, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Lloyd, of Little Aston Park, Sutton Coldfield, and Stephanie Allison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Brangwin, of Four Oaks Park, Sutton Coldfield.

Mr M.E. Mitchell and Miss J.P. Moffitt

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Dr and Mrs Peter Mitchell, of Grittenham, Wiltshire, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Moffitt, of Lancaster.

Mr W.A.M. Oswald and Miss A.V. Cobbold

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr Michael and Lady Angela Oswald, of Flitcham Hall, King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Arabella, daughter of Mr Nicholas Cobbold and of Mrs Marina Cobbold, of Calne, Wiltshire.

Mr J.A.B. Rudge and Miss S.L. Hack

The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr and Mrs A.J.B. Rudge, of West Chiltington, Sussex, and Samantha, daughter of the late Mr John Hack and of Mrs Adrienne Pearman, of London, W11.

Captain H.T. Simpson and Miss F.E. Harper

The engagement is announced between Captain Henry Simpson, the Royal Anglian Regiment, younger son of Mr and Mrs Guy Simpson, of Earl Soham, Suffolk, and Frances Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Harper, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J. Stuart Smith and Miss G.M. Ward

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr Michael Stuart Smith, of Ste Maxime, France, and the late Mrs Loveday Stuart Smith, and Gillian Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Ward, of Little Wolford, Warwickshire.

School news

Bedford High School

The Spring Term begins today and ends on March 22. The Concert of Wind Music is on March 1. The Gymnastics Display is on March 10 and 11. Junior assessments are on January 15 (8 plus), January 19 (7 plus), January 22 (9 plus and 10 plus); Senior Entrance Examinations and Assisted Places Examinations are on January 27. The Senior School will be open to prospective parents and their daughters (Day Girls and Boarders) on January 12 and an Open Afternoon for prospective Sixth Formers will be held on January 25. The Annual Careers Conference will be held on March 16. The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) includes in its aims the provision of high quality education for girls.

Latymer Upper School, W6

Spring Term starts today at Latymer Upper School and ends on March 30. The Spring Concert will be on March 17. The Latymer & Godolphin Choral Society will perform a concert in St Paul's Church, Hammersmith, on March 27. The Gild production this term will be *Death of a Salesman*, whilst the Lower School will perform *Macbeth*. The Sixth Form Work Experience Exchange Programme in Paris, Berlin and London occurs this term.

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We pray that you may bear fruit in active goodness of every kind, and grow in knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALLEY - On 28th December, to Joanne (née Symons) and Stephen, a son, Edward Keith William, a brother for Samantha and Amanda.

BACKHOUSE - On 29th December, to Henrietta (née Spendlove) and Roger, a son, Theodore Charles, a brother for Alexander.

BUCK - On 23rd December, to Joanna Lashly and Ashley, a son, William John Arthur.

CECIL - On January 3rd, to Katie (née Whalley) and Anthony, a daughter, Lydia Elizabeth, a sister for Emily.

CHICHESTER - On 30th December 1993, to Caroline (née Storer) and George, a daughter, Camilla, a sister to Tessa and Hugh.

COBB - On January 2nd 1994, to Samantha (née Cowling) and Stephen, a son, James William John, a brother for Isabel.

COWDREY - On December 9th, to Pippa (née Telford) and Jeremy, a son, Charlie William, a brother for Kate and Robert.

DAWSON SCOTT - On December 18th, a daughter, Honor Euphemia, sister for Nina. Thanks to WRC and the team again.

FAWCUS GIBBS - On December 20th 1993, to Erica and Dennis, a son, Max Christian.

FRANKLIN - On December 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Green) and Nigel, a son, David James.

GREEN - On 23rd December 1993, to Michele (née Bannister) and Ian, a son, Michael Edward.

GUBBINS - On 31st December 1993, to Carolyn (née Monro) and Richard, a son, Nicholas, a brother for Emma and William.

GULLICK - On Christmas Day in Ciudad Real, Spain, to Katie and Tom, a son Thomas William, brother to Georgina.

HAMMOND - On Christmas Day, to Sarah (née Pearce) and Nigel, a daughter, Annabel Charlotte.

HENDERSON - On Christmas Day, to Alison (née Wood) and Ian, a son, Nicholas James Peter, a brother for Thomas.

JOHNSON - On December 28th, to Marie-Louise (née Holroyd) and Colpoys, a son, Colpoys William.

KIDSON - On 22nd December, to Emma (née Goodchild) and Paul, a son, Sebastian Hector Goodchild, a brother for Aristine.

KINDERSLEY - On 28th December, to Victoria (née Coles) and Dickon, a daughter, Phoebe.

KLEINGELD - On New Year's Day 1994, to Selina (née Beresford-Jones) and Tim, a daughter, Lydia Mary, a sister for Oliver.

LEE - On January 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Michèle and Nicholas, a son, Alexander Ganley William, a brother for Thomas.

LEVESON-GOWER - On New Year's Eve, to Emma (née Cameron) and Mark, a son, Hugh Charles (Hughie).

BIRTHS

McCONNELL - On 2nd January, in Bangkok, to Charlotte (née Sarsfield) and Eamonn, a daughter, Emily Anne.

NWOKIKE - On 31st December 1993 at Rush Green, Essex, to Uju and Ike, a son, Chika-Dike Onyebuchi Nnamdi, a brother for Uche-Al and Ike Jr.

OSIR - On 31st December, to Tracey (née Collins) and Richard, a daughter, Catherine.

PEARSON - On 30th December 1993, to Cheryl (née Telford) and Roger, a daughter, Bethan Rose.

ROBLIN - On New Year's Day 1994, to Alice (née Sclater) and David, a son, Oliver.

SCHOFIELD - On 23rd December 1993 at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, to Kyle (née Wallace) and Nigel, a son, Toby Nigel, a brother for Jamie.

WATSON - On Friday December 31st, at home, to Jacci and Andrew, a daughter, Lucinda Chloe, a sister for Henry.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On December 29th, peacefully, Constance Eleanor (Connie), aged 90, beloved wife of the late James W.R. Adams O.B.E., much loved mother of three sons, twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Funeral private. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Oxfam, Memorial Service to be arranged.

ALLPORT - Howard W.B. (Bill), on January 4th, peacefully in hospital, aged 91, beloved husband of the late Marjory and much loved father of Howard and grandfather of Carolyn and Philip. Family flowers only to Chelsea Funeral Directors, 265B Fulham Road, SW10 9EL. Donations, if desired, to NSPCC. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday January 7th at 2 pm.

ALLSOP - See Hilpern.

BARNBRIDGE - Peacefully in hospital, on December 30th 1993, Elizabeth (Janet), widow of Wing Commander J.E.M. Barnbridge R.A.F. and a loving mother and grandmother. Private cremation, no letters by request. Memorial Service to be announced at a later date.

BALLESTERO - On 19th December, peacefully in Estepona, Spain, Luis Jose (Pichy), beloved husband and dear friend of Anne and beloved and loving father of Jamie. His passing leaves an inestimable void in our lives. Memorial Service Chelsea Old Church March 17th 11.30 am.

BARBIER - Marjorie, suddenly after a short illness on 31st December, aged 64, at Atkinson Morley's Hospital, Wimbledon. Much loved wife of William George, mother of Rosalind Mary, friend of many. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday 7th January at 3.15 pm. No flowers, donations if wished to "Whitelands College Missionary Fund". Memorial Service at St Stephen's Church, Westminster, to be arranged.

DEATHS

BEACON - On January 3rd, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Marjorie Joan. Dear wife of the late Jack. Mother of Jonathan and grandmother of Jason, Sebastian and Heywood. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Tilsworth, on Friday 7th January at 2 pm. Flowers please to S.A. Bates, Funeral Directors, 115 West Street, Dunstable, Beds.

BRADLEY - On December 31st 1993, in hospital, in Durban, South Africa, after a short illness, Guy William, son of the late Major and Mrs E.V.H. Bradley and loved brother of Diana Gethin and Neville.

BRANDLER - Marjorie. On 1st January 1994, at home, Marjorie (Madge) aged 87 years, dearly loved wife of the late John Brandler and mother of Michael. Funeral Service on Friday 7th January 11.45 am at the Manchester Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for Age Concern may be sent to Messrs John G Ashton & Company, Church Street, Altrincham WA14 4DS, tel: (061) 928-7816.

BRAND - Suddenly at Edinburgh on Thursday December 30th 1993, Alexander Anderson (Sandy). Late of A.C.A.S. of 28 Lisl Terrace, Dundee. Beloved husband of June, dear father of Lorrie and Mike. Loved grandpa of Genevieve and Keridwen. Sadly missed.

BROWN - On December 31st 1993 at Lindfield, Sussex, Leslie Lieutenant Commander V.R.D., R.N.R. and late of Barclays Bank D.C. and O. Dearly loved husband of Joan, dear father of Helen and Corinne and loving grandfather of Carol and Lisa. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Lindfield, on Thursday January 6th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the King George V Fund for Sailors may be sent to Masters & Son, 4 Denmans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2LB.

BRUCHER - A.F.W. (Bert) on 20th December 1993 peacefully in hospital in Salzburg, Austria. Sadly missed.

CANNON BROOKES - On January 2nd, peacefully after a short illness, Nancy, aged 80, dearly loved wife of Victor (Joe) in the 59th year of their marriage. Dear mother of Peter, Mark and Christopher and granny of Stephen, Emma, Lucinda, Charlie, Andrew and Myles. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Sunningdale, Monday 10th January at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Royal British Legion (Women's Branch), 80 Cedar Drive, Sunningdale, Berks.

CHAPMAN - Peacefully on December 31st, Angela, widow of Brigadier Denys Chapman CBE. Funeral Salisbury Crematorium Thursday 13th January 12 noon.

CLIFTON - On January 2nd 1994, peacefully, Nancie Vera, dear wife of the late Noel Clifton. Family funeral.

DEATHS

COLLINGWOOD - On January 1st 1994, at The Andover Nursing Home, Jack (H.E.). Much loved husband of Molly and devoted father of Charles and grandfather of Jane, Toby and Barnaby. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium, Barrington Road, Salisbury, on Friday January 7th at 4.30 pm. All flowers and enquiries to Halcrow and Sons Funeral Directors, 6A Bridge Street, Andover, Hants. tel: (0264) 335255.

COOPER - Hubert. On 30th December, sadly following a road accident, Hubert aged 60, much loved husband of Mary and father of Simon, Janice and Paul. Formerly Training Manager at Rolls Royce Aero Engine Division and Director of Ross Foods, Grimsby. Flowers, family only, donations to Save the Children Fund, c/o Walkers Funeral Director, Queen Street Place, Louth, Lincolnshire.

DEBENHAM - On January 1st 1994, at home, Violet Mary (Mollie), much loved wife of Sir Gilbert Debenham Bt. Funeral Service at St Laurence's, Alfpuddle, at 2.30 pm on Thursday January 6th. Family flowers only please.

DOUBLE - Dr. David Dale, OKS, peacefully at last after a long illness, on December 31st 1993, proud, devoted and loving father of Sarah and Sophie, much loved son of Cecilia and brother of Alan and William. Private family cremation service to be followed at a later date, to be announced. No memorial service. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to the Cynthia Spencer House Trust Fund, Mandfield Hospital, Northampton.

EASON - On December 31st 1993 at St. Leonards-on-Sea, Ena aged 88. Dear wife of the late R.E. (Jo) Eason of Radley College, and mother of Hilary (Slocomb) and Janet. Cremation has taken place. Service and interment of ashes at St. James' Church Radley Green on Thursday 13th January at 2.15pm, no flowers by request.

EASTON-SMITH - On 20th December, Louise Easton-Smith, died aged 78. Cremation service January 5th at Woking Crematorium at 1 pm. All enquiries to Ernest Larner & Son, telephone (071) 223-5432.

ELLIOT - Baroness Elliot of Harwood, D.B.E. Beloved aunt K, peacefully at Harwich Cottage Hospital, on Monday 3rd January 1994, in her 91st year. A Service will be held at Hobkirk Parish Church, Bonchester Bridge, on Saturday 8th January at 1 pm - all friends welcome.

EMMET - On 23rd December, peacefully in hospital, Emilie Catherine (Kate, Katie), aged 84, much loved wife of Maitland and aunt of Wendy and Gillie. Funeral today. Donations to Oxfam.

FARNES - Joan (née Wilberforce) on December 25th 1993. Funeral 12 noon 7th January at St Mary's Church, Northiam.

DEATHS

FOX - On January 3rd 1994 in Cornwall, Barbara Morley Fox, widow of Romney. Thanksgiving Service at Constantine Church on Monday January 10th at 2pm. Donations to Cornwall Historic Churches Trust c/o Treasurer Tynehollme, Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall.

GARNER - Maurice Heath aged 85 Canon of Salisbury relict of Zillah Wyatt dear father, grandfather, friend and pastor; in Liverpool, Uganda, Whitial-le-Woods, Weymouth and Steyning. Funeral and Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church Weymouth Friday January 7th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Africa Inland Mission, c/o Ewelme Rectory, Oxfordshire OX10 6HP. He died on December 25th after preaching Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins and Emmanuel, God with us. Matthew chapter one.

GARRATT - On December 31st peacefully in hospital, Neil, dearest mother of Shirley and Susan. Service at Christ Church, Esher, on Wednesday 12th January at 12.15 pm and afterwards at Randalls Park Leatherhead. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

GLANVILE - On January 1st peacefully at Birtley House Nursing Home, Hester Grace aged 96. Dearly loved mother of Anna, adored belle-mère of Peter and devoted grandmother and great-granny. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday 12th January at 12 noon. Enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 26-27 South Road, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67333.

HANLEY - On January 1st, Thomas. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret and father of the late Ann Gabrielle. Interment on January 10th at St John the Evangelist, Ashton, Cheshire, after Requiem Mass at St Luke, Frodsham.

HARDING - On January 2nd 1994, peacefully at his home in Brixham, Reverend Geoffrey Harding M.C., M.A. Funeral Service and Mass will take place at St Mary's Church, Brixham, Devon, on Thursday January 6th at 2.30 pm. Memorial Service details will be announced at a later date. Enquiries to T & I Stockman Funeral Directors, Brixham. (0803) 882885.

HEPPLE - Robert Norman, R.A., P.P.R.P., aged 85 years on 3rd January at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, suddenly after an accident. Dearly loved husband of Jill and father of Tim and Ellie.

HUGHES - On December 27th, Marjory, beloved wife of Douglas. Peacefully, after years of painful disability, borne with great courage, patience and yes good humour. Funeral at St Peter & St Paul, Chaldon, near Caterham, at 2 o'clock on Monday January 10th. No flowers please, but donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ, would be greatly appreciated.

DEATHS

HESLOP - Violet Joan, died peacefully on December 30th 1993, much loved mother of Sally, Carole, Richard and Tony and very loved 'Gran' of Jim, Janie, Sar, Nathalie, Richard, Susie, Joanna, Alexander, Jemma and Christopher. Service at Barham Crematorium, nr. Canterbury, on Friday 7th January 1994 at 4 pm. Donations direct to Oxfam. Enquiries to C.W. Lyons, Funeral Directors, Canterbury, Kent. tel: (0227) 463508.

HILPERN - On January 1st 1994 at Scotch Dyke Residential Home, Ferring, peacefully after a short illness, Elsie (Betty) née Whittaker, Formerly of Tanganika 1923-1959. Dearly loved mother of Peter Allsop and grandmother of William, Edward and Jane. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Leukemia Research Fund may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, tel: (0903) 234516.

HUNTER - Kel (James Robert Kelman) on December 30th, after a long illness, loving husband of Juliet (Julie). Service at Golders Crematorium West Chapel, Monday January 10th at 1.30pm. Enquiries and flowers to W. Garstin, Funeral Directors, 10 Chiltern Street, London W1M 1PD. (071) 935-4868.

LITTLE - On 1st January 1994 peacefully in Templecombe, Somerset, Margaret (Tosh) of Penselwood, Somerset. Much loved wife of Neill. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at the Parish Church, Penselwood, on Wednesday 12th January at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired for the Alzheimers Disease Society may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset. SP8 4QL, tel: (0747) 822494.

LOMAS - On December 31st, peacefully at Claremont Hospital, Sheffield, Gerald Alexander aged 72 years, dearly loved husband of Jill, loving father of Tessa, Vicky, John and Mark, grandfather of Philippa and brother of Kathleen and Evelyn. Will be sadly missed by all those close to him. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Stannington, on Monday 10th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent to St. Luke's Hospice, Sheffield, c/o Norman Clarkesworth, 32 Granvee Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, S6 6BA.

LOWTEN - On 27th December 1993 peacefully in a nursing home, Stanley Lowten aged 85 years of Worthing, formerly of Wembley Park. Husband of the late Winifred and father of Peter. Retired Secretary of The National Bank Ltd, London. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday 7th January at 11am. All flowers and enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, telephone: (0903) 234516.

DEATHS

LUCAS - On 1st January 1994, John William George, aged 45 years, peacefully after a long battle courageously fought. Sadly missed by his wife Caroline, family and friends. All enquiries to Ballard Funerals, tel: (071) 370-6271.

LYON - On 26th December, Ian aged 56. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 6th January at 3.15 pm.

MARKHAM - On December 31st, peacefully at home, Hugh Markham M.B.E., aged 81 years. Dearly loved husband of Nina. Funeral Service on Monday 10th January at St Botolph's Church, Colchester, at 1.30pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Colchester Society for the Blind c/o W.H. Shephard, 193/194 High Street, Colchester CO1 1TH.

MASON - On 1st January, Paul, dearly loved husband and friend of Aline and devoted father of Justin, Lucinda and the late Rosalind. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Odiham, on Tuesday 11th January at 3.30 pm, No flowers, donations if desired to The Skin Tumour Unit c/o Denise Venables, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1.

MAXWELL - On January 2nd 1994, peacefully in hospital, Peter, The Hon. Lord Maxwell Q.C., a former Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland. Beloved husband of Sue and loving father of Desmond, Jacky and Mary. Funeral private, no flowers please but donations to The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (Ward 25) EH3 9YW.

McGRORY - John Patrick Charles born Donegal, educated Summerhill College, Sligo. Died suddenly, 30th December 1993. Beloved husband of Luchia Mary McCrory. All enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, NW3 4QG tel: 071-586 4221.

MILLER - On 1st January 1994 peacefully at Buntingdon Hall Nursing Home, Charis Harrison Martin in her 93rd year. Dearly loved widow of Arthur, devoted mother of Flose and John, and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. A funeral service will be held for her at St Mary's Parish Church, Buntingdon, nr. Chichester, West Sussex, on Monday 10th January 1994 at 11.45 am followed by a family cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund, c/o Edward White and Son, 8 South Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1SY.

MOORE - On 2nd January, peacefully at home in Buckinghamshire, Enid Kathleen, devoted wife of the late Gerald Moore, dearly loved sister of Lorna and Monty and Aunt of Wendy. Cremation private. Family flowers only please.

DEATHS

MORRIS - On 28th December 1993, peacefully at St Helier's Hospital, Hugh Cairog Morris O.B.E., aged 88 years, of Sutton, Surrey; beloved husband of Maggie, father of Helen, stepfather of Lucy and grandfather of Martin and Kate. Headmaster of Garth High School 1961-1973, formerly teacher of Tweeddale School. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Saturday 8th January at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. If desired, donations may be sent to the St Helier Medical Research Fund c/o Medical Director's Office, St Helier's Hospital, Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, Surrey.

MURRAY - On January 2nd, very peacefully at Headbourne Worthy, Winchester, Colonel Adair (Tory) Murray, late R.E., aged 95, for 62 years the devoted and adored husband of Mollie, beloved father of Tricia, Gillian and the late Valerie and Buffy and much loved by his ten grandchildren. Service of Thanksgiving at Headbourne Worthy Parish Church on Friday January 7th at 11am.

NOTCUTT - On December 30th 1993 at Kelsale Court, Saxmundham, Josefina Anna (Jo), aged 80, widow of the late S.A. Notcutt (Sam), of Beares, Saxtead, Suffolk. Funeral Service on Monday January 10th at 3.15 pm at Ipswich Crematorium North Chapel. Flowers, or if preferred donations made payable to Blyth Centre Red Cross may be sent to Farthing, Stapleton & Hasmore, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 4PW.

PARSELLE - Patricia, peacefully on 31st December 1993 in Almeria, widow of Air Vice Marshal T.A.B. Parselle and placed with his ashes in the cemetery of Mojacar.

PATSTON - Donald Arthur, suddenly on Christmas Day 1993, aged 80, while staying with his family. Dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret, father of Sheila, Ann and Peter and cherished grandfather. Funeral at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, at 2.40 pm on Friday January 7th. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o F.W. Jones and Son, 30 Market Place, Chippenham, Wilts. SN15 3HP.

PAUL - Alan H. O.B.E. aged 95 years, former Secretary of the Royal Ocean Racing Club. Died peacefully on January 2nd 1994 at Severalls Hospital, Colchester. Funeral Service at Colchester Crematorium on Monday January 10th at 2pm. All enquiries to Hunnaball Funeral Services (0206) 760049.

ROBINSON - On December 28th, suddenly at his grandmother's home, Ellingham, Rex John Geoffrey, aged 13 months. Beautiful baby son of Lionel and Meredith. Funeral private. Flowers to H.J. Harvey & Sons, 8 Southfield Avenue, Seahouses, Northumberland or donations to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London WC1N 3JH.

DEATHS

RAMPTON - Tony. On 30th December 1993, Tony, beloved husband of Joan, father of Richard, David, Lizzie and Ben, father-in-law, and grandfather of nine, peacefully in hospital. Burial service at St Peter's, Peterolman, on Friday 7th January 1994 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Hidden Charitable Fund, 34 North End Road, London W14 0SH. For distribution to Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton and the Royal Brompton Hospital. A memorial service will be arranged in due course.

ROANTREE - On January 2nd, peacefully at home after a courageous battle against a long illness, Elizabeth (née Anderson), adored wife of Gerry, much beloved stepmother and step-grandmother, loved and admired by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Family cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in St Mary's Church, Boreham Market, on Monday January 10th at 2.15 pm. No flowers please but, if desired, donations for Cancer Research c/o S.T. Sutton Funeral Director, Burnt Street, Wells-Next-The-Sea, Norfolk.

SOMAKE - On December 27th, J. Henry, Barrister-at-Law, in his 91st year, beloved brother of Kitty, Ella and Annabelle. Funeral on Wednesday 12th January at St Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, East Finchley at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to James Crook Ltd., 259 K

OBITUARIES

PIERRE-PAUL SCHWEITZER

Pierre-Paul Schweitzer, managing director of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, 1963-73, died in Geneva on January 2 aged 81. He was born in Strasbourg on May 29, 1912.



EVEN the International Monetary Fund's staid journal describes the period of Pierre-Paul Schweitzer's stewardship between 1963 and 1973 as coinciding with "the worst international monetary crises by far since the Fund was created in 1944".

He participated in negotiations that led to a two-tier market for gold and the dollar's subsequent devaluation, sterling and French franc devaluations, large stand-by arrangements for Britain and France, revaluation of the deutschmark, the currency realignments of the so-called Smithsonian Agreement of December 1971, the establishment in the Fund of a temporary regime of central rates and wider margins, and the formation of the Committee of Twenty, representing all the Fund's members, to consider monetary reform.

His two, five-year terms saw Britain repeatedly making use of drawing rights and devaluing in 1967 — the occasion when the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, maintained that the pound in the pocket would still be worth the same.

Towards the end of Schweitzer's Washington career he came into conflict with President Nixon and his successive Treasury Secretaries, John Connally and George Schultz, over the United States's large balance of payments deficits and the strain on the dollar.

At the IMF annual meeting in 1970, he spoke of the need for the United States to settle its balance of payments with primary reserve assets. He spoke out again in September 1971, after the US had suspended the convertibility into gold of dollars held by other countries, a decision which brought about the collapse of the 1944 Bretton Woods system of par values and convertibility, the two pillars of the international monetary system.

On this second occasion, he made a television appearance and said the United States "ought to make a contribution toward a general realignment of currencies". In effect, he was suggesting that the dollar be devalued. Since both asset settlement and dollar devaluation were hotly debated at the time, President Nixon and members of his Administration considered that their negotiating position with Europe and Japan had been compromised.

The Group of Ten leading industrial countries (Britain, US, Germany, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Canada and Japan) plus Switzerland worked out a realignment of currencies in December 1971 in the Smithsonian Agreement. The agreement, said Schweitzer who participated in the meeting, meant "some measure of order in international economic relations replaced the uncertainty that prevailed during much of 1971". It was the understatement of the year.

The dollar was devalued a second time in early 1973 by President Nixon who, however, did not forgive the Frenchman for his advice. Schweitzer, who usually maintained a low profile, working quietly and diplomatically to see what consensus might be possible, met with US opposition when the question of his reappointment for a third term came up in 1972.

Other factors influenced governments not to support a third term. Discussions about reforming the international financial system were starting and several governments believed that the timing was appropriate for new leadership of the Fund.

Schweitzer, who had earlier been the father of the Fund's special drawing rights, the international reserve asset with its basket of the dollar, deutschmark, pound, French franc and yen, created by the IMF in 1969, stepped down in 1973, when James Callaghan was sounded out to be his successor.

Schweitzer, born to the industrialist Paul Schweitzer and the former Emma Munch, numbered among his uncles both Dr Albert Schweitzer, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, and Charles Munch, conductor of the Boston Philarmonic Orchestra. A cousin was Jean-Paul Sartre, the philosopher.

He graduated from the Sorbonne with top honours in 1936 and became a member of the élite corps of *inspecteurs des finances*, the stepping stone to the top ranks of the French Treasury.

He was commissioned as a lieutenant at the outbreak of war in 1939. Later, his role in the Resistance led to his arrest by the Gestapo in 1944 and deportation to Buchenwald. He survived and was released in 1945.

Thereafter, he enjoyed a meteoric rise becoming assistant director of external finances at the French Treasury in 1946, alternate executive director for France at the IMF, secretary-general for European economic affairs on the French interministerial committee and financial attaché at the French embassy in Washington where he worked on the Marshall Plan's implications for France. By then he had become a dedicated internationalist.

He returned to France to become treasury director at the Finance Ministry and then a deputy governor at the Banque de France. He became the fourth managing director of the IMF in 1963, succeeding Per Jacobsson, of Sweden, who died in office.

From the start, Schweitzer was preoccupied with adapting the original Bretton Woods system to evolving world conditions. International liquidity was the order of the day when he took office. Proposals for a new mechanism for creating additional liquidity had been made, but international monetary officials were by no means agreed that any such mechanism was needed, let alone on the form it ought to take.

He organised a close working relationship between the Fund and the Group of Ten and argued convincingly that new arrangements should encompass all countries. He became known as the first managing director of the Fund to be particularly concerned about developing countries. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) finally came into being in 1969 after major disturbances in the international monetary system.

In all, drawings on the Fund's resources during his tenure amounted to SDR 18 billion compared with four billion during the previous ten years. Britain drew from the Fund heavily in 1964, 1965, 1968 and 1969.

Schweitzer travelled extensively throughout the world to promote monetary co-operation. He did this via speeches to banking groups, international commissions and conferences and through newspaper and television interviews.

He was a man of unusual warmth and modesty. His popularity with the IMF staff led to their giving him a standing ovation upon his retirement. Back in Europe, he was appointed president of the French state energy company Petrofigaz, where he served between 1974 and 1979. He was also a member of the board of the Dutch based multinationals, Unilever and Robeco. He spent a great deal of his time at his house at Vandoeuvres, near Geneva.

He is survived by his daughter Juliette, and his son, Louis, who has had a career matching that of his father, having moved from being chief of staff to former Socialist Prime Minister Laurent Fabius to the chairmanship of Renault.

CESAR ROMERO

Cesar Romero, American actor, died in Santa Monica on January 1 aged 86. He was born on February 15, 1907.



BLESSED with an implausibly romantic name and the good looks to match it, Cesar Romero was Hollywood's favourite Latin lover during the 1930s and 1940s. But there was a mildness about his screen presence and a sort of tongue-in-cheek quality about his caddishness — all flashing teeth, waxed moustache and Brilliantine — that guaranteed him a longer career than more seriously macho contemporaries. He was well suited to comedy, as he proved when he played the cartoon-strip character called the Joker in the cult 1960s television series, *Batman*.

Cesar Romero was born in New York to Cuban immigrants. His career began in a New Jersey department store, and in Manhattan nightclubs as a professional ballroom dancer. It was here that he was spotted by the producer Brock Pemberton, then trying to fill a role in the stage comedy *Strictly Dishonourable*. Romero followed this by several shows on Broadway and made his film debut in *The Shadow Laughs* (1933).

In Hollywood his best days were spent at Fox. But his lucky break came at MGM with *The Thin Man* (1934). Overshadowed as the rest of the cast were by the perfect husband-and-wife team of William Powell and Myrna Loy, the film's huge popularity at least enabled its other players, including Romero, to bask in their reflected glory.

Pundits confidently predicted that Romero would be the new Valentino. But in the event, though he went on to appear in more than a hundred films, he was never cast as a leading man. He proved himself instead as a reliable supporting actor, equally at home in musicals, westerns and comedies. "Maybe I'm no great shakes as a big-time actor like your Larry Olivier," he said, "but I think I know the job I'm called on to do."

In 1935 Romero was well cast in *Clive of India*, and subsequently visibly learnt from Dietrich's impeccable timing in *The Devil is a Woman*. His portrayal of Koda-Khan in John Ford's 1937 adventure film *Wee Willie Winkie*, starring Shirley Temple, led to a 14-year contract at 20th Century Fox, and Romero's best years. Between 1939 and 1941 he starred in several films and on radio as the Cisco Kid, an ingratiating Mexican rogue.

He went into the services during the war and returned in 1947, continuing to make films regularly until the mid-1970s. Among them were Otto Preminger's last film, *That Lady in Ermine* (1948), *The Americano* (1955) with Glenn Ford, and *Ocean's Eleven* (1960) alongside the "Rat Pack" — Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.

After so many years bound into contracts, Romero enjoyed a more footloose routine in later life, but he still committed himself to two long-running series. The first was *Batman* in the mid-1960s, where he played the Joker, a cackling figure with green hair, purple suit and grease-paint grin — one of the team of villains along with the Penguin, the Riddler and Catwoman who tried to finish brave Batman off twice a week. The second was *Falcon Crest*, a 1980s soap opera based around a Californian wine empire, in which he played Jane Wyman's husband.

Romero himself never married though he had his name romantically linked with most of his leading ladies, and was once dubbed "Hollywood's most eligible bachelor". He is survived by a brother.

MARK PATEY



Mark Patey, MBE, chief adjudicator at the Immigration Appellate Authority (IAA), died from cancer on December 30 aged 63. He was born on February 17, 1930.

MARK PATEY was the man chiefly responsible for making the new Immigration Appeals Act work. The Act, which came into force last July, extended the right of appeal to all asylum-seekers refused entry to this country. Although it also removed the right for short-term visitors, its effect was greatly to increase the authority's workload.

Despite a long personal battle against cancer, Mark Patey insisted on leading his hard-pressed department, in and out of court, compensating for days lost through sickness by doing overtime.

Six years earlier he had engineered the changes brought about when control of the IAA left the Home Office, to be handed to the Lord Chancellor's department. His most enduring, most valued contribution was to champion the judiciary against what he saw as the creeping forces of bureaucracy.

To the general public his name was barely known. Yet his influence lay behind a forest of big headlines. It was he who gave temporary asylum to Umaru Dikko, the former Nigerian minister who was found, drugged and bound in a diplomatic crate at Stansted airport about to make an involuntary return to his own country.

Dikko who was wanted in Lagos for alleged corruption was granted a six months' stay in Britain by Patey ten years ago — a concession which has subsequently been extended. He was less sympathetic, however, to Martin Galvin, the New York lawyer and leader of Noraid — the American pro-IRA fund-raising body. When Galvin, on visiting Northern Ireland, was deported, Patey personally flew to Belfast to hear his appeal — which he turned down.

Yet Patey was the only non-lawyer in the authority. His great strength, apart from a prodigious legal memory (which his colleagues consulted on his sick-bed) lay in his administrative ability and leadership. He welded a disparate group into a team and helped raise the authority's status in Whitehall.

He was born in London, the son of an internationally known surgeon who gave his name to an operation for breast cancer. Young Mark went to Bryanston School where he was captain of boats and whose rowing eight he twice led to the Henley finals.

At Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he read geography, he only narrowly missed a rowing Blue. Despite his 6ft 2ins and 18 stone, he did not fit into the Light Blues' rowing technique.

Commissioned in the RAF, he did two years' National Service before being accepted for the colonial service. After 12 months' training in London, he went out — 40 years ago — to Swaziland, where in 1957, aged 27, he became the country's youngest district commissioner.

He was in Swaziland for 16 years, moving ultimately to the capital, Mbabane, to organise the 1968 independence celebrations. It was for that that he was appointed MBE.

Patey left the newly independent country in early 1970, still not quite 40 and with a young wife and family to care for. He was an experienced magistrate, however, ending up as the country's judicial commissioner.

When the IAA was set up here 23 years ago, he was one of the first new adjudicators appointed. Patey was to see the authority's business swell from a total of around 4,000 annual appeals in the early 1970s to more than 30,000 two decades later. He was made chief adjudicator in 1984.

He never lost his love of Africa however, returning to Swaziland from time to time and retaining close links with the high commission in London. His knowledge of the African continent, and of the language Si Swati, led to his secondment in 1973 to the Pearce Commission on the future of Rhodesia.

He returned to the new Zimbabwe seven years later as part of the monitoring team for its first elections. Si Swati is understood by the Matabele in Zimbabwe.

His collection of African medals, including the Swaziland independence medal which he designed and one presented to him by Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, were stolen in a burglary at his home in the following year.

After years of being a district commissioner, Patey often found Whitehall bureaucracy frustrating. He was never discourteous, however, in court or out of it, and was scrupulously fair in his decisions.

Off-duty, he sometimes sailed in his small dinghy, or indulged an interest in ornithology. His principal passion however, lay in reading and he seldom, if ever, forgot what he read.

Mark Patey is survived by his South Africa-born wife Cecile, whom he met when she was working in Swaziland as a nurse, and by three daughters.

BERNARD FRIEND

Bernard Friend, CBE, finance director of British Aerospace, 1972-88, died of cancer at his home in Bray, near Maidenhead, on December 23 aged 69. He was born on May 18, 1924.



BERNARD FRIEND was a much respected and well-liked figure in the British oil and aviation industries. After wartime service with the RAF he made his name as an astute member of the accountancy profession. He went on to make valuable contributions to the oil industries of the United Kingdom and Europe through his key positions in the American petroleum company, Esso, before he joined, in 1977, the newly-formed British Aerospace Company as its first finance director.

Educated at Dover Grammar School, Friend quickly showed his interest, and budding expertise, in economic and financial affairs. After six years of largely wartime service as a flying officer in the RAF, he gained wide-ranging experience with Arthur Young and Company, chartered accountants, between 1948 and 1955. From there, he moved into the oil industry to become, from 1961 to 1966, comptroller to Esso Petroleum.

In 1967 Friend widened his span of responsibility as deputy controller of Esso Europe. The following year, he was appointed managing director of Essoheat and, from 1970 to 1973, vice-president of Esso Chemicals in Brussels.

Friend's influence in the industry was further widened when he became managing director of Esso Chemicals from 1974 to 1976.

He was invited by Sir Austin Pearce in 1977 to join British Aerospace as a board member and director of finance, as director of British Aerospace Insurance, British Aerospace Holdings Inc, and as chairman of British Aerospace Pension Fund's Trustees. In 1980 he became a non-executive director of the Iron Trades Insurance Group.

To all these tasks Friend brought financial acumen, sound common sense, and an incisive and determined influence on forward policy.

In May 1988, at 64, he retired from British Aerospace to become chairman of the Graham Rintoul Investment Trust.

He married Pamela Florence Amor in 1951. She survives him with their son and two daughters.

DEATHS

WINTERBORN – On January 1st 1994, peacefully in Ashurst Park Nursing Home, Helene Nenne (née Belchmann). Widow of Lt. Col. Thomas Hugh Winterborn CBE. Mother of Ann and the late Dr. Michael Winterborn. Mother of Suzanna, Juliette and John Norsworthy and Farmor of Simon and James Winterborn. Much loved by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday January 13th at 2 pm. No flowers but if desired donations to The Department of Nephrology, The Children's Hospital, Birmingham B16 8ET.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DAVIES - Peter. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Roger Peter Havard Davies in St Andrew's Church, Holborn Circus, London EC4, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 11th January.

READ - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Alan Read, Professor Emeritus of the University of Bristol, who died on 24 October 1993, will be held in the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol on Tuesday, 15 February 1994, at 11.30am.

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"RULE, BRITANNIA."

By one of the lucky chances of the auction-room, Mr. Quaritch has come into possession of a shabby-looking volume, partly in MS. and partly printed, the contents of which include what is probably the earliest existing and maybe the only MS. of the play of *Alfred, A Masque*, by James Thomson and David Mallet. The volume, so far as the MS. portion is concerned, consists of fair copies of certain plays sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office for the official licence to produce on the stage; and *Alfred* is one of these. This work contains the stirring patriotic song "Rule Britannia," of which Southey said it would be "the political hymn of this country so long as she maintains her political power." This MS., therefore, is not only of great literary and general interest, but it is further important on account of the variations which appear in this copy; whilst the MS. itself is additionally attractive from the fact that it contains on the first leaf the following inscription:-

From your humble servants.

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J. Lacy.

Feb. 14, 1751.

Sir,—This masque we intend to have perform'd at our Theatre if it meets with ye approbation of my Lord Chancellor.

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The music of Rule, Britannia *was thought at one time to have been composed by Handel, or borrowed from his Occasional Oratorio, but the dates do not agree, and an advertisement for the masque, Alfred, in which the music occurs, states that it was composed by Dr Arne.*

The history of *Alfred* dates back some years before this. Originally written by James Thomson and David Mallet, and set to music by Dr. Arne it was first performed in a temporary theatre in the garden of Cliefden, Bucks (the country residence of the Prince of Wales), on August 1, 1745, the cast including Quin as the Hermit and Mrs. Clive as Emma, wife of the shepherd Corin. The occasion was the celebration of the anniversary of the Hanoverian succession. An opera, also called *Alfred*, was founded on this work and was produced at Covent Garden in 1745, the cast including Mrs. Arne. In 1751 it was dramatized by Mallet and produced at Drury Lane, with Garrick in the title *role*. Finally, it was again altered by Garrick and produced in 1773.

The last but one of these several changes forms, as above indicated, the subject of the application to the Lord Chamberlain for the licence, signed by David Garrick and J. Lacy, and the MS. itself is now in the possession of Mr. Quaritch. We need not concern ourselves with the textual alterations in the play itself, for, in spite of the several pretty songs, nothing can galvanize *Alfred* into life: its outstanding feature is the grand finale, "Rule Britannia." This song passed through almost as many changes as the play itself, and probably few students of English literature could exactly indicate the various alterations.

On the road to ruin

Compulsory purchase can result in poor compensation. **Christine Webb** reports

Richard Leighton has only ever known one home, the Victorian house he was born in 44 years ago. He shares it with Ellen, his 80-year-old mother, who moved in after her wedding in 1938. It is in Leyton, east London, and stands in the path of a six-lane highway.

The Leightons are among more than 1,200 people who will lose their homes when the road scythes through Wanstead, Leytonstone and Leyton to connect the A102(M) in Hackney with the M11 in Redbridge.

Work began in autumn on the Wanstead leg of the road but has been frequently interrupted. Protesters delayed the start of work on the link by squatting in two Wanstead houses due for demolition in September. In December, protests reached a frenzy when environmentalists and residents objecting to the destruction of trees in the path of the road clashed with police. But work continues and the road is due to reach Leyton this summer and is likely to be completed in about four years time.

By law, property in the road's path is compulsorily purchased at market value, and removal expenses paid. Compensation for the distress and inconvenience of moving is 10 per cent of the market value of the property, subject to a minimum of £1,500 and a £15,000 maximum. Tenants may be entitled to a flat payment of £1,500 if the Department of Transport uses compulsory powers to buy from their landlord.

Nearby in Colville Road, John Ellis and his partner, Elaine, have lived in a housing association flat for ten years. In September, they had a baby — now they have to leave.

Mr Ellis is unclear about his status, but hopes for compensation because he suspects that his only choice is to buy a house out of the area. He says: "There is no organised effort from any Government department to alleviate the suffering that is inevitable with the uprooting of so many people along this road. The local authority simply has nowhere to put people. There's been no real effort to solve the problem of all those being made homeless."

For other homeowners, the road will not demolish their property but will pass within a few yards of it. Across the road, Adimaolum Permale faces this prospect and intends to apply for compensation for any fall in value of his house. By law, he will get nothing for five years because his claim cannot be put until a year after the road has been opened.

He has instructed Peter Flint, a chartered surveyor of Flint & Partners, Chelmsford, Essex, which specialises in road-compensation cases. Only partial compensation is paid in such cases because the law does not take into account the impact of a road's visual effect on property values.

"It can mean the loss of big sums," Mr Flint says. "The worst-case scenario is if you own a country cottage with wonderful vistas, and 10yd from your garden fence they build a motorway rising to 15ft. Your cottage's value would drop and you are not compensated for visual loss.

"Under the Land Compensation Act 1973, people can make a claim if they can prove the value of their house has been diminished by the physical factors: noise, vibration, smoke, smell, artificial light and the discharge of liquid. Property values near the M25 fell by 20 per cent because of the physical aspects alone. I think people should be compensated for the full fall in value of their property, taking into account the visual impact."

A claim cannot be made until the first anniversary of a road's public use, Mr Flint says. Then negotiations start. "I handled 850 claims from people living near Newcastle upon Tyne's western bypass, and about 800 got compensation. But if someone has to move before the first anniversary of a road opening, they may get substantially less for their property than they would if there were no road, and they lose compensation rights."

Brett Walker, a partner in the surveyors Lloyd Williams, of Epping, represents some households affected by the M11 link road. He says there is little chance of the Transport Department buying a property blighted by its proximity to a road.

"I had a letter from the department, saying that since 1991 only 55 houses near roads, out of the thousands affected, have been bought," he says. "Though the law says that properties 'seriously' affected by a road can get secondary glazing, the department's interpretation of that has changed from 68 decibels of road noise, which has been a guideline since 1975, to 78 decibels. The effect is like having a factory operating outside your front window."

Property values undoubtedly suffer because of new roads. Carl Stearn, residential manager of Strettons, a local estate agency, thinks that only the value of properties adjacent to the M11 link will be directly affected. "In similar cases we have come across on the North Circular", he says, "prices fall by 20 to 25 per cent on what a buyer would normally expect to pay. Properties more than 150yd from the road are far enough away and it might even make them more convenient — the road's going to make an easy route out of the area. So some people welcome it."

A Transport Department spokesman comments: "The valuation is done on the basis of the property's value if the road was not there. The Department of Transport is obliged to pay the open market value of the house. The Department of the Environment has set the policy, and these are principles by which we must abide."

An Environment Department spokesman explains: "The district valuer values a property. The owner can negotiate on the market value, and if he or she can't agree, can go to the independent Lands Tribunal, which is like a court. We draw up the policy and it is implemented, in this case, by the Transport Department."

Last year, 54 of the 270 cases dealt with by the tribunal involved the Transport Department, which provides no information on their outcome. The road campaigners claim that most people fall by the wayside or settle before a hearing.

Perhaps at least one good measure may come out of our membership of the European Community. In France, they don't have these problems because people get 25 per cent above the market value as compensation for moving.

THE PROTESTER

JOHN MANNING



Richard Leighton (pictured above outside his home), the chairman of the No M11 Link Road Campaign, does not want to sell his home to the Transport Department, yet it will be subject to a compulsory purchase order. Mr Leighton, whose home is probably worth £65,000 to £77,000, would get £6,000 to £7,700 compensation — little inducement, he thinks, to leave. The Leightons have not agreed to negotiate, but have been offered £67,000 for their property. A notice to quit asks them to leave their three-bed, two-reception house by September 23, another by November 30.

"They've offered me the market value for the house as they see it, not as I do," Mr Leighton says. "The money can never compensate you for moving out of your home.

"They've started work at Wanstead but we've delayed them about three years and we're planning to delay them another three. My lawyer says I have to go, but I do not want to. Neither does my mum.

"Owner occupiers have no rights whatsoever. They can kick us out of our home at seven days' notice and put us in a hotel. The department wanted me to fill out a "notice to treat", which opens negotiations and says I must sell the house to them.

"If the Government offered more reasonable compensation, it would get the houses much sooner, which would cost it less staff time."



An artist's impression of how a typical street in Poundbury will appear when work is completed

Homes fit for a prince

Work has begun on Poundbury, the dream village of the Prince of Wales

Builders have just laid the foundations for the first homes at the Prince of Wales's dream village of Poundbury. Poundbury will contain 2,500 homes on 400 acres of prime Duchy of Cornwall land near Dorchester, Dorset. The village will be nothing like the large modern estates that the Prince sees as "impersonal, soulless areas of housing which crush the human spirit".

In a recent speech, the Prince said: "Children, it seems, were not designed to live in tower blocks." In Poundbury children will live in houses so traditional they could have been built before Thomas Hardy's days. They will sleep under recycled Welsh slate roofs, their curtains drawn against perfectly proportioned small-paned windows set into stone walls. They will walk to the (new) local shops along kerbs of real stone, down streets lined with closely-spaced houses and play in grassed squares. On their return they will toast their toes before a real fire.

The architectural emphasis will be on variety and on the local vernacular, which has dictated a design code of acceptable materials: local stone, flint, specified brick, slate and clay pantiles. It also specifies roof pitches, details of eaves, chimneys and windows.

The masterplan laid out by Leon Krier, the architect and urban planner, is thoroughly traditional with winding streets that lead somewhere rather than the dead-end cul-de-sacs that isolate the closes of suburbia. Poundbury will consist of four districts, each with shops, offices and community and leisure facilities in an attempt to reduce reliance on the car. It aims to look like a place that has evolved over time.

But the best clues to Poundbury's style — it is already setting a trend — comes from the work of local builder C.G. Fry & Son. With Ken Morgan, a local architect also involved in the Poundbury project, they have recently finished two developments at Abbotsbury and Broadwindsor near Dorchester which give an idea of what Poundbury will be like.

Poundbury's co-ordinating architect, Peterjohn Smyth, of Percy Thomas Partnership, Bristol, and four Dorset architects also designing houses for Poundbury have all seen these developments.

C.G. Fry are building the first 61 homes at Poundbury and will sell 26 for between £70,000 and £150,000. "The quality of life for people living in these houses will be better than on other modern estates," says Mr Philip Fry, a director. "Building in the vernacular costs more but the prices will reflect that."

While a pretty place like Poundbury is bound to appeal to the middle classes, care has been taken to encourage a mix of social strata. The other 35 houses will be let by the Guinness Trust Housing Association at rents ranging from £53 a week for a two-bedroom flat to £68 for a four-bedroom house.

Prince Charles must hope that his approach proves an answer to modern social ills. "In some places we have become very successful in building houses no one wants to live in," he said. "It seems to me that we need to rediscover perhaps some of the more traditional approaches."

Architect Mr Smyth, a specialist in vernacular design, says the Prince's hands-on approach has touched design details right down to the choice of lampposts.

"We've had a great struggle finding lampposts that look right without seeming twee," he says. "We designed a wall that was joining straight into the side of the house and the Prince pointed out it would, traditionally, curve where it met the house, so that's what we've done. He's genuinely interested in improving the quality of people's surroundings."

CHRISTINE WEBB

Chancery Division — Law Report January 5 1994 — Queen's Bench Division

Stringent test in arbitration appeal

Secretary of State for the Environment v Euston Centre Investments Ltd

Before Mr John Cherryman, QC

[Judgment December 9]

A more stringent test for striking out purposes applied to appeals to the High Court from the awards of arbitrators, whether in commercial or property disputes, than to actions commenced in the High Court.

A failure to conduct and prosecute the appeal from an arbitral award with proper despatch was sufficient to justify the proceedings being struck out for want of prosecution.

Mr John Cherryman, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment when acceding to the application of Euston Centre Investments Ltd for an order to strike out for want of prosecution proceedings initiated by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr John Male for Euston Centre Investments; Mr Jonathan Gaunt, QC, for the secretary of state.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Euston Centre was the landlord and the secretary of state the tenant of premises let by a lease dated May 9, 1970 which was subject to seven-yearly rent reviews.

As the parties could not agree the market rent on the third rent review, determination of the rent was referred to an arbitrator who, having heard the parties, made his award on May 28, 1992 determining the market rent as at March 25, 1991 at £7,760,000 a year.

The tenant sought leave to appeal within 21 days as required by Order 73, rule 5 of the Rules of the Supreme Court but since then there had been deplorable delay.

The landlord's application to strike out the tenant's proceedings was made under the inherent jurisdiction of the court. Mr Gaunt submitted that that jurisdiction had to be exercised in the present case in accordance with the principles stated by Lord Diplock in *Birkett v James* ([1978] AC 297, 318).

It was accepted that if that were the correct test the landlord's application would fail as it could not establish that the delay would give rise to a substantial risk that it was not possible to have a fair trial of the issues in the action or was such as was likely to cause or to have caused serious prejudice to the defendants either as between themselves and the plaintiff or between each other or between them and a third party.

Mr Barnes, however, submitted that the *Birkett v James* principles did not apply to appeal proceedings in the High Court pursuant to section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1979, in particular applications for leave to appeal under section 1(3)(b). The proper test, he said, was whether there had been failure to conduct and prosecute the appeal, or application for leave, with proper despatch.

Mr Barnes pointed out that in *Birkett v James* the House of Lords was concerned to state the appropriate test to be applied in actions where the dispute between the parties had yet to be resolved.

He argued that nothing said by the House of Lords in that case bound the court to apply the same test in a case such as the present where the arbitrator had already resolved the dispute subject to it being possible to take a question of law to the High Court under the special statutory procedure if leave to do so was obtained.

In such a case, he submitted, a more stringent test had to be applied for striking out purposes, otherwise the legislative intention inherent in the 1979 Act [to promote speedy finality in arbitral awards] was in danger of being thwarted.

After consideration of the authorities: *The Antaios* ([1985] AC 191), *Mustill and Boyd on Commercial Arbitration* ((1989) 2nd edition, p611), *The Concordia* ([1985] 2 Lloyd's Rep 55), *Mebro Oil SA v Gatoil International Inc* ([1985] 2 Lloyd's Rep 235), *The Leon* ([1985] 2 Lloyd's Rep 470) and *Urban Small Space Ltd v Burford Investment Co* ([1993] 2 EG LR 120, 121), his Lordship agreed with him.

His view was that the principles stated by Lord Diplock in *Birkett v James* were intended to define the inherent power to strike out actions that had yet to be tried. Nothing said by the House of Lords was intended to place strict limits on the manner in which the court should exercise the inherent jurisdiction in proceedings of a different type.

The manner in which the leave to appeal procedure introduced by section 1(3)(b) of the 1979 Act was utilised by parties aggrieved by arbitration awards was something that the court had to control strictly in order to prevent abuse of the procedure.

Judges had to be vigilant to prevent frustration of the intention of Parliament to promote speedy finality in arbitral awards. The *dicta* in *The Concordia* and *The Leon* were strong expressions of judicial determination to pursue that aim.

The ability to exercise the inherent jurisdiction to strike out had to be one of the weapons available to the court whether or not serious prejudice was likely, and in saying that his Lordship did not draw any distinction between cases involving commercial disputes and cases involving property disputes.

His conclusion therefore was that the inherent power to strike out such an application for leave was not limited by *Birkett v James* principles but was exercisable whenever there had been a failure to conduct and prosecute an appeal with proper despatch.

When leave to appeal from an award of an arbitrator was sought, the applicant invoked a special statutory jurisdiction which public policy required to be exercised with the utmost despatch.

Whether such power should be exercised in any particular case was, of course, a matter for the discretion of the court.

His Lordship considered the facts of the present case and held that it was one where the court in its discretion should strike out the tenant's entire proceedings in the High Court under the inherent jurisdiction.

Solicitors: S. J. Berwin & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Housing benefit arrangement

Regina v Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Housing Benefits Review Board, Ex parte Simpson

Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment December 3]

An arrangement whereby persons, who would in any event be eligible for housing benefit, were provided with accommodation by a parent or relation who was then to receive rent generated from housing benefit was not of itself an arrangement created to take advantage of the housing benefit scheme thereby disqualifying the applicants.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the applicant, Charles Simpson, (i) a writ of *certiorari* quashing the decision of the respondents, Solihul MBC Housing Benefits Review Board on September 14, 1992 to refuse his appeal against the council's refusal to pay housing benefit and (ii) *mandamus* requiring a freshly constituted board to consider the application.

Mr Ian Wise for Mr Simpson; Mr James Findlay for the review board.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the applicant was an unemployed builder whose woman friend, Miss Beazely, had two children one of whom suffered from cerebral palsy and was quadriplegic. Difficulties with their council accommodation led them to seek rehousing from the local authority, housing associations and others, all without success. In September 1991, Miss Beazely's father suggested he buy a house suitably sited for the children's schools and hospital and rent it them.

On enquiry, the local authority advised the applicant that there was no objection which might defeat a claim to housing benefit. On October 28, 1991 they signed a short-hold tenancy with the father. Their application for housing benefit was refused and the borough reiterated its decision on review. The decision of the appeal to the benefit review board was now challenged.

Regulation 7 of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1971) provided: "The following persons shall be treated as if they were not liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling — . . . (b) a person whose liability to make payments in respect of the dwelling appears to the appropriate authority to have been created to take advantage of the housing benefit scheme . . ."

While his Lordship's grant of relief on the first ground, that the board had failed properly to reach or record its deliberations and decision in accordance with regulation 83(4), would dispose of the case, he would also grant the application on the ground that the conclusion was perverse in relation to the applicability of regulation 7(b). It was important that a decision reached by the board was made on a correct basis of law.

It was accepted that on the material before it the board might reasonably have come to a decision in favour of or against the applicant. It was, furthermore, common ground that regulation 7(b) related to the primary or dominant purpose of the rental covenant.

To attract housing benefit could never realistically be the sole purpose of a tenancy; but equally, and importantly, anyone eligible for housing benefit must, by definition, have entered into an agreement to pay a rent which he could not afford, so that the mere fact of having done so could not of itself, save perhaps in extreme cases of which this was not one, be evidence of a purpose falling within regulation 7(b). For a good example see *R v Manchester City Council, Ex parte Baragrove Properties* ((1991) 23 HLR 337, 341-3).

It was evident from regulation 7(a), (b) and (c) that the framer sought to shut out certain arrangements which, in the secretary of state's view, would amount to an abuse of the system.

Regulation 7(a) thus shut out as an abuse of the system certain family arrangements between a lessor and lessee living under the same roof, but not arrangements between relatives who lived in different dwellings, as here.

Regulation 7(b) shut out arrangements appearing to the authority to take advantage of the benefits scheme. For example, a person who was a sitting tenant upon whom a rent increase designed to take advantage of the scheme had been imposed.

Regulation 7(c) provided that non-dependant joint occupation was presumed to be an abuse unless the claimant could show that that was not its purpose. There could not be a clearer indication that in paragraph (b) there was no similar adverse presumption against a claimant.

It followed that before an appropriate authority could conclude that the claimant's liability for rent had been created to take advantage of the benefits scheme, there had to be before it evidential material which was capable of persuading it, and did persuade it, that that was the case.

It was incumbent on the board to explain the material on which the decision was based and why it had drawn the adverse rather than a more benign inference.

Here there was a straightforward explanation of the arrangement, it was what any parent in a position to do it would have done.

Solicitors: Tyndallwoods & Millichip, West Bromwich; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr John Scampion, Solihull.

Failure to assess use of land justifies quashing decision

Christchurch Borough Council v Secretary of State for the Environment

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Evans and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment December 16]

A failure by a planning inspector to address the question whether the existing informal use of land would be likely to continue if permission for residential development was refused, and a failure by him to give reasons for his implied conclusion that the benefits of granting permission outweighed the benefits of that existing use, justified the quashing of his decision.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of Christchurch Borough Council against the refusal by Sir Graham Eyre, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on March 17, 1992, of the application by the council to quash the decision by an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to allow on March 25, 1991 an appeal by Barratt (Southampton) Ltd and granting them planning permission, on an application dated March 20, 1989, for the erection of 30 houses on land formerly part of the playing fields of Burton Primary School, Christchurch, Dorset.

Mr Timothy Straker for the council; Mr Henry Setright for Barratt; Mr Christopher Katkowski for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the inspector was not bound to apply the competing use test formulated by Lord Bridge of Harwich in *Westminster County Council v British Waterways Board* ([1985] AC 676, 683F) [that the balance of probability that by refusing use B the disputed land would effectively be put to use A] as a matter of law. The inspector's task was to take account of all material considerations and to give due weight to the presumption in favour of allowing applications for development, if it arose in the case which he had to consider.

The inspector then had to decide whether the relevant objections outweighed the presumption, if it did arise, together with other material considerations in favour of the proposed development.

The inspector did not deal with the distinction between a potential use as public open space and the existing situation where the land was open space and informal recreational use was tolerated.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Sir John Megaw delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr J. D. Saunders, Christchurch; John Cawthorn, Cambridge; Treasury Solicitor.

Serious company default

In re Pamstock Ltd

In the context of the failure by the secretary of a company, also one of its two directors, to put in place an adequate system of management, and his allowing the company to continue to trade beyond the point at which trading should have ceased, the failure to file accounts and returns promptly was also a serious default.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division on November 24, when disqualifying a former director of Pamstock Ltd for two years.

HIS LORDSHIP said that since the decision of the Court of Appeal in *In re Seven Oaks Stationers (Retail) Ltd* ([1990] BCC 765) it seemed to have become the practice of the Official Receiver to include in his report every matter which could be the possible subject of a complaint.

While it was right that he should put before the court details of all companies in which a respondent had been a director and which had gone into insolvent liquidation and had failed to file accounts or returns promptly, that could be done in a schedule or addendum, without raising separate complaints, except where there had been a serious failure for which the respondent could be said to be responsible, whether alone or with others.

Compensation for participant in fight

Regina v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Ex parte Gambles

Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment December 3]

Where a victim of a criminal injury had been willing to participate in a fight which provoked a disproportionate response, the full range of levels of compensation which could be awarded by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board remained open until the board had reached a conclusion as to why the willingness to fight should result in a diminished or nil award.

It was for the board to establish a rational and proportionate nexus between the conduct, and in some cases character, of the applicant before, during and after the events in question.

Mr Justice Sedley, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division, so held when granting the applicant, Andrew Wayne Gambles, judicial review of the decision of the respondents, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, to refuse any award.

Mr Richard Drabble for Mr Gambles; Mr Michael Kent for the board.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the applicant had intervened on behalf of friend in a dispute outside a public house and had faced up to an opposing party who slashed his face with a broken glass causing serious injury. The board found that the applicant had provoked and had been willing to participate in the fight.

Paragraph 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Scheme 1979 (Cmnd 9684) provided: "The board may withhold or reduce compensation if they consider that — . . . (c) having regard to the conduct of the applicant before, during or after the events giving rise to the claim, or to his character and way of life . . . it is inappropriate that a full award, or any award at all, be granted."

Paragraph 30 of the *Guide to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme*, issued by the board in February 1990 provides: "Fighting. Compensation will not usually be awarded . . . (c) If the injury . . . occurred in a fight in which the victim had voluntarily agreed to take part. This is so even if the consequences of such an agreement go far beyond what the victim expects. A victim who invites someone 'outside' for what he intends should be a fist fight will not usually be compensated if he ends up with the most serious injury. The fact that the offender goes further and uses a weapon will only make a difference in exceptional circumstances."

Mr Drabble submitted that the board erroneously treated the finding that the applicant was willing to engage in violence as having the automatic consequence that no award should be made. The basis of that was the final sentence of the board's reasons: "We considered the appropriateness of a reduced award but as we found that he had evinced a willingness to engage in violence which culminated in the assault upon him, we disallowed his application completely under paragraph 6(c)."

That determination was flawed because it omitted the essential matter to which the board's reasoning had to be directed under the scheme that is, why the applicant's willingness to fight should result in a nil award rather than a reduced award to fit his moral blameworthiness.

Both counsel agreed that it was the conduct of the applicant before and during the events giving rise to the claim and not any of the other elements of paragraph 6(c) which came into play. The facts found by the board were capable of sustaining effectively the whole spectrum of possible decisions from nil to a full award, although the latter might well be very unlikely. All the possible levels of award lay within the range of decision compatible with the finding that the applicant was ready to fight in the material circumstances.

However, accepting the submission that it was more nearly a moral judgment than a causative link that was postulated by paragraph 6, it was still for the board to establish a rational and proportionate nexus between the conduct and in some cases character too, of the applicant before and during, and in other cases after, the events, before those could reduce or extinguish the award to which he would otherwise be entitled.

The board in such cases must therefore proceed in three stages: (a) Did the applicant's conduct make a full award inappropriate? (b) If so, to what extent did the applicant's conduct impact on the appropriateness of an award? (c) What award, if any, should the applicant consequently receive?

His Lordship accepted Mr Drabble's submission that the board's reasoning went from (a) to (c), omitting (b) entirely. In that situation, and even though the reasons had been volunteered at the court's invitation rather than having been required by law, it was not right for the court to supply the want by assuming the existence of the very thing that reasons were there to demonstrate, namely that the conclusion had been reached by appropriate process of reasoning from the facts.

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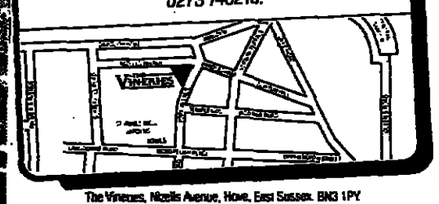
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NEWS

Yeo battles to save his career

■ Tim Yeo's future was on a knife edge last night as he admitted that he had behaved very foolishly over his affair with a Conservative councillor but insisted that he had no intention of being driven from office.

The Environment Minister staged a defiant attempt to save his career as party chiefs in his Suffolk constituency met to consider the disclosure that he was the father of an illegitimate daughter. Mr Yeo and his wife, Diane, were at the meeting of eight or nine senior local officers **Pages 1, 2, 12**

IRA put under immense pressure

■ IRA leaders came under formidable pressure to abandon their violence when John Hume called on the Provisionals to lay down their guns in one of the century's "greatest acts of moral courage" **Page 1**

Sudan impasse

Britain gave the Sudanese ambassador 14 days to leave after Khartoum declined to reconsider its expulsion of Britain's envoy..... **Pages 1, 7, 12**

Discipline drive

A drive to tighten discipline in state schools by detailing the punishments available to teachers and governors was launched by John Patten..... **Pages 1, 5, 12, 13**

Habgood objections

The use of donors to provide sperm or eggs for infertile couples is immoral, the Archbishop of York says..... **Pages 1, 12, 13**

Wet and dry

Torrential rains lashing southern England produced flood alerts — and a warning that Kent might be facing drought..... **Page 1**

Degree happier

The first clear signs of recovery in the graduate jobs market have been reported **Page 2**

A life alone

The neurotic measures Greta Garbo took in defending her solitude have been revealed... **Page 7**

Terrorism trial

A police officer was shot three times when he inadvertently stopped IRA terrorists at Warrington, a jury was told.... **Page 3**

Windsor in the rain

More than 1,000 hardy souls braved foul weather and an £8 charge to visit Windsor Castle, queueing to pay at the gate for the first time **Page 3**

Walesa warning

President Walesa intensified the pressure on President Clinton to admit Eastern European countries to Nato **Page 8**

Mass jailbreak

As the death toll in Venezuela's prison riot reached 103, inmates at a second jail mounted a mass breakout **Page 9**

Children killed

Two children on an at-risk register were heard screaming for mercy before their mentally ill mother killed them, the Old Bailey was told **Page 5**

Bulldozed booze

Confronted by oceans of contraband alcohol and mountains of confiscated cigarettes, Customs officers are bulldozing the booty with household refuse **Page 6**

Motorway misery

The M25 may be used as a testbed for the Government's plans to make Britain's motorists pay for using the motorways **Page 5**

Terminal farming

Farmers will be looking to satellites and computer science rather than the hand of God in their bid to boost yields **Page 6**

Anxiety rules OK

Anxious women are more likely to succeed in the male-dominated business world than their more outgoing peers **Page 5**

Commuter challenge

The Government is to challenge the British worker's obsession with commuting..... **Page 6**

Father must pay, despite promise

■ Edward Straub, of Indianapolis, who agreed to inseminate one of his colleagues, has been ordered to pay $100,000 in child support payments, despite a written promise from Francine Todd, his fellow school teacher with whom he had a relationship five years ago, that she would never seek money from him after the birth of the child..... **Page 7**



Douglas Hurd shaking hands with Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian leader, at a Jerusalem meeting yesterday. Report, page 7

BUSINESS

Post Office: The Post Office intends to propose to national newspaper publishers that it should take over Sunday newspaper delivery if it is given the commercial freedom it is seeking..... **Page 19**

Disney: The profits plunge at Walt Disney caused by huge losses at its crisis-hit European theme park has cut the pay of Michael Eisner, the American-based chairman, by 90 per cent and erased his bonus for the first time in a decade... **Page 19**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 9.9 points to close at 3408.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 81.8 to 82.1 after a rise from $1.4780 to $1.4820 and from DM2.5688 to DM2.5784 **Page 22**

Cricket: England A suffered the first defeat of their South Africa tour when they were beaten by an innings and 57 runs by Natal in Durban..... **Page 36**

Rugby Union: Grant Fox, who scored 645 points in 46 internationals for New Zealand, has confirmed he is retiring from the game..... **Page 34**

Boxing: Lennox Lewis can expect to box for the unified world heavyweight championship this year. Evander Holyfield, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, has announced that he will meet Lewis, the World Boxing Council champion, in November..... **Page 33**

Royal concern: "In theory, the Monarch is a protection against 'elective dictatorship' and the sometimes bad behaviour of the political class." Simon Heffer on the Monarch's moral power..... **Page 10**

Middle ground: "There is something distinctively Wodehousean about baronets. Perhaps it is the fact of their having style without substance (they are entirely powerless)." Walter Ellis on a title out of fashion **Page 11**

Drink sensation: Talk about selling coals to Newcastle — the Americans plan to sell tea to the British. Alan Mitchell reports..... **Page 26**

Holocaust on screen: In New York, newspaper articles have attacked Steven Spielberg's film, *Schindler's List*, about concentration camp victims, for turning the Holocaust into a money-spinner. Many Jewish religious leaders, however, are impressed by its serious tone **Page 27**

Drama de-skilled: The BBC has "de-skilled and casualised" its own television drama department over the past decade, says Louis Marks, whose *Middlemarch* adaptation starts next week..... **Page 29**

Baroque perils: The English Bach Festival may collapse if extra funds are not found for its Covent Garden staging on Sunday..... **Page 28**

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Kepler Wessels batted with a broken finger, trying to help South Africa save the second Test in Sydney, but will return home after the game
Page 34



Aldine Horrigan, the Tory mayor and "kingmaker" who has demanded the resignation of Tim Yeo, the junior minister
Page 2



Nicholas II, the assassinated last Tsar of All the Russias, whose canonisation is being accelerated by the Russian Orthodox Church
Page 8

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Top Cs and top tips

■ Rodney Milnes offers a critical guide to the main operatic attractions of 1994: young singers to watch, directors to avoid, rarities that will be resuscitated and premieres worth catching

Were Greeks colour-blind?

■ Nicholas Boyle reviews a history of colour in art, science and literature which demolishes some of the old myths

Covering the risks of the piste

■ Taking out insurance for a skiing holiday? Tony Rocca reports that skiers in the French Alps may soon be forced to buy comprehensive insurance

Leslie Grantham plays a hard-drinking, rule-bending detective in a new police series, *99-1*. (ITV, 9pm)..... **Page 35**

Good behaviour

In most state schools disciplinary procedures have remained far too vague: a recipe for injustice as well as disorder **Page 13**

The peasants' revolt

The peasants' revolt in Chiapas, which has one of the worst human rights records in Mexico, is a symbol of the country's social dislocation..... **Page 13**

Eleven pipers piping

Bagpipes put a swagger back in the weariest step over the heather or high road, and a regiment marching through its home town with pipes playing and bayonets fixed is a spectacle to bring tears to the driest eye..... **Page 13**

GEORGE CAREY

Sudan is bleeding, and we in Britain — to whom the Sudanese southerners naturally look for support — must continue to care for our brothers and sisters there, so that 1994 can be a year of peace for all Sudan's people..... **Page 12**

SIMON JENKINS

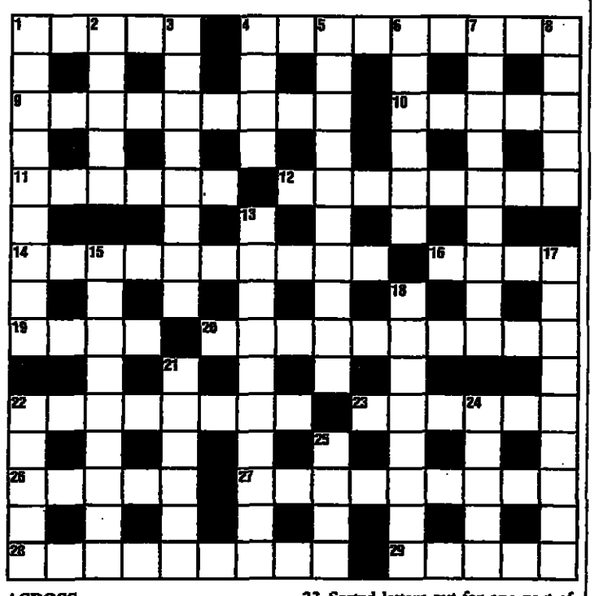
The essence of a profession is personal discretion, judgment exercised free of state or other interference, based on a corpus of received wisdom. The Government, however, is removing all discretion..... **Page 12**

The Archbishop of York lists the moral objections to "designer babies"..... **Page 13**

Happily, Boris Yeltsin has more nerve than some of his Western supporters. At the very moment when many Western governments and commentators were dwelling on the errors of reform and calling upon Russia to rethink "radical" liberalisation, Yeltsin instead pushed down on the accelerator
— The Wall Street Journal

Too many Mexican citizens remain alienated from local governments that owe more to patronage than to a habitually tainted electoral process. If Mexico is to take its place among the democracies of North America, the gap between economics and politics urgently needs to be bridged
— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,431



ACROSS

1 Royal I spotted in island — here for the regatta? (5).
4 International imports taken first in check on income (5,4).
9 Do another job, needing a month to settle (9).
10 People who make connexions for banks (5).
11 Heated discord's ending in a rift (6).
12 About a second to harden? That's not very fast (8).
14 Quiet lanes put in order — particularly so (10).
16 After conflict, spy chief's close to finding hidden secret (4).
19 Celebrated characters preceding those in tubs (4).
20 Bishop, say, associated with one cathedral city or another (10).
22 Toast is part of speech in Chinese (4-4).
23 Sorted letters out for one part of the country (6).
26 Material backing for poet or novelist (5).
27 A restriction put on half-heartedly is discontinued (9).
28 It requires minds more open to change (9).
29 King on bank observed boatman (5).

DOWN

1 Grasps an instrument for drawing (9).
2 Courted sweetheart in a club (5).
3 Specimen box daughter found in New Orleans (8).
4 Mother fighting American priests (4).
5 Those present some time before midnight take the floor (10).
6 This is easy chair's occupant (6).
7 Old piece included by surviving performer (9).
8 Experience discrimination (5).
13 Instrumental expert keeps singer right in melody, mostly (10).
15 Having competence that's somehow limited (9).
17 The Queen Mother has a line to the House (4,5).
18 Judge is not the sort that relies on memory (8).
21 Escort organized for overseas flier (6).
22 Start off crossword, the paper's best part (5).
24 Source of strength one found in competing partnerships (5).
25 Assured learner placed in academic stream (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,430

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WEATHER

☐ **General:** it will be windy in the Midlands, S England and S Wales and there will be gales at times. Rain over S England and S Wales will spread to N England, S Scotland and parts of Northern Ireland. N Scotland will be bright with showers, it will be cold.
☐ **S, SE and SW England:** rain turning to showers, some heavy, with sleet or snow in places. Wind SW, strong to gale. Max 6C (43F).
☐ **Midlands, East Anglia and S Wales:** rain turning to sleet or snow, especially on hills. Wind S, light, becoming W to SW, strong to gale. Max 4C (39F).
☐ **Rest of England, N Wales, IoM:** Brighter spells, then rain spreading N, turning to sleet or snow. Wind SE, light, becoming variable mainly W to SW, fresh to strong. Max 4C (39F).
☐ **Channels Islands:** blustery showers, some heavy. Wind W to SW, strong to gale. Max 7C (45F).
☐ **Central S Scotland and Northern Ireland:** fog patches, then brighter spells. Rain spreading from S later, turning to sleet or snow. Wind NE, light to fresh. Max 3C (37F).
☐ **Rest of mainland Scotland, western and northern isles:** brighter spells. Showers turning to sleet or snow. Wind NE, fresh to strong. Max 3C (37F).
☐ **Outlook:** further rain or showers, brighter and drier on Friday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

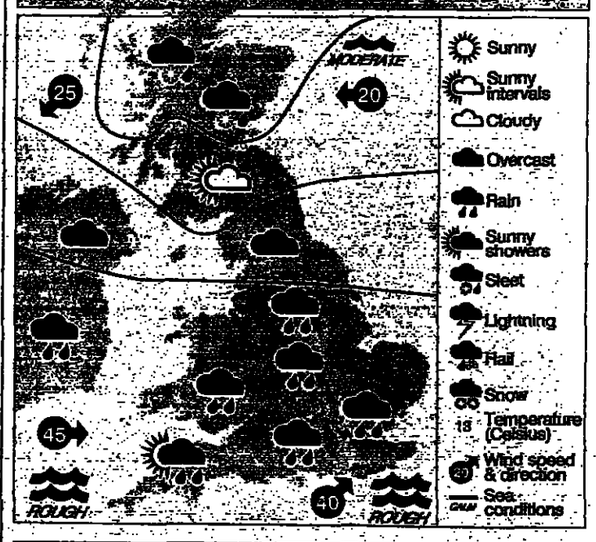
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Aberdeen	6	43	d	Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Luxembg	6	43	c	S Paulo	22	72	c
Ajaccio	16	59	f	Eastbourne	11	52	r	Lyon	21	70	s	Salcombe	X		
Alicante	15	59	f	Edinburgh	5	41	r	Madrid	8	46	d	Salzburg	4	39	r
Alex'dria	15	59	r	Eskdalemuir	4	39	c	Majorca	16	61	s	Sandown	10	50	r
Algiers	21	70	s	Exmouth	9	48	r	Malaga	16	64	s	Santiago	28	73	s
Amst'dam	6	43	c	Falmouth	11	52	r	Malta	16	61	c	Saunton Snd	9	48	c
Anglesey	8	46	r	Faro	17	63	c	Manchester	7	45	r	Scarboro'	5	41	r
Aspatria	6	43	r	Florence	7	45	f	Margate	10	50	r	Scilly Isles	9	48	h
Athens	14	57	s	Folkestone	10	50	r	Melb'rne	21	70	f	Seoul	8	46	s
Aviemore	5	41	r	Frankfurt	8	46	c	Mexico C	14	57	s	Shanklin	9	48	c
B Aires	28	79	s	Funchal	18	64	f	Miami	22	72	r	Sing'por	31	88	c
Bahrain	23	73	s	Geneva	7	45	r	Milan	6	41	s	Skegness	X		
Bangkok	32	90	s	Gibraltar	17	63	f	Minehead	9	48	sh	Skiathos	9	48	r
Barbados	25	77	f	Glasgow	6	43	r	Montreal	-20	-4	s	Southport	8	46	r
Barcelona	15	61	s	Guernsey	12	54	c	Morecambe	7	45	r	Southsea	9	48	r
Beirut	19	66	f	Hastings	9	48	r	Moscow	-1	30	sn	St'kholm	-4	25	c
Belfast	5	41	r	Hayling I	X			Munich	7	45	f	Stornoway	7	45	sh
Belgrade	7	45	s	Helsinki	-1	30	c	N Delhi	21	70	s	Stratf'rd	8	46	s
Berlin	2	36	r	Herne Bay	10	50	r	N York	1	34	c	Swanage	9	48	sh
Bermuda	25	77	c	Hong K	23	73	f	Nairobi	28	82	f	Sydney	35	95	f
Biarritz	18	64	f	Hunstanton	7	45	r	Naples	16	61	f	Tangier	16	61	f
Birmingham	7	45	r	Innsbruck	3	37	f	Newcastle	5	41	r	Teignmouth	11	52	r
Blackpool	5	41	f	Inverness	4	39	c	Newquay	X			Tel Aviv	18	64	f
Bognor R	9	48	r	Isle of Man	8	46	r	Nice	14	57	s	Tenby	7	45	r
Borde'x	14	57	f	Istanbul	7	45	d	Norwich	7	45	r	Tenerife	22	72	s
Bournem'th	9	48	r	Jeddah	30	86	s	Nottingham	5	43	r	Tiree	7	45	r
Bristol	9	48	r	Jersey	12	54	sh	Oslo	-8	18	f	Tokyo	9	48	s
Brussels	7	45	r	Jo'burg	27	81	f	Paris	10	50	s	Toronto	-11	12	sn
Budapest	8	46	c	Karachi	28	82	f	Peking	5	41	s	Torquay	11	52	sh
Buxton	6	41	r	Kinlochewe	5	41	c	Penzance	10	50	g	Tunis	19	66	s
Cairo	18	64	f	L Angeles	23	73	s	Perth	23	73	f	Tynemouth	6	43	r
Cape Tn	25	77	s	L Palmas	20	68	s	Plymouth	9	48	sh	Valencia	17	63	f
Cardiff	9	48	h	Le Touquet	7	45	f	Poole	8	46	r	Vanc'ver	7	45	f
Ch'church	23	73	s	Leeds	5	41	r	Prague	6	43	f	Venice	6	43	s
Chicago	-1	30	sn	Lerwick	6	43	h	Reykjavik	-3	27	f	Ventnor	9	48	r
Clacton	7	45	r	Leuchars	5	41	r	Rhodes	14	57	r	Vienna	8	46	s
Cologne	8	48	f	Lisbon	15	59	r	Rio de J	28	82	f	Warsaw	1	34	r
Colwyn Bay	7	45	r	Llandrindod	10	50	r	Riyadh	28	82	s	Washton	2	36	c
Corfu	14	57	s	Liverpool	8	43	r	Rome	15	59	s	Wellington	21	70	f
C'phagn	1	34	s	Locarno	4	39	s	Ronaldsway	8	43	r	Weymouth	10	50	g
Cromer	7	45	r	London	9	48	r	Ross-o-wye	7	45	r	Wick	6	43	c
Dublin	5	41	c	Lowestoft	7	45	r	S Frisco	9	48	f	Zurich	8	46	f

These are Monday's figures. X = not available

Last quarter today

Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 4.07pm
Moon sets 11.14 am
Moon rises 12.40 am

London 4.07 pm to 8.06 am
Bristol 4.17 pm to 8.15 am
Edinburgh 3.54 pm to 8.42 am
Manchester 4.05 pm to 8.24 am
Penzance 4.35 pm to 8.21 am





Changes from noon to the synoptic chart below: low U will become slow moving; low S will move northeast and fill; low Z will fill and lose its identity.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.22	6.50	7.17	6.40	Liverpool	4.07	8.35	4.31	8.49
Aberdeen	8.37	3.78	8.51	3.87	Lowestoft	1.58	2.50	3.05	2.15
Avonmouth	—	—	12.13	11.6	Margate	4.58	4.53	5.27	4.29
Belfast	4.01	9.05	4.28	9.50	Milford Haven	11.24	6.18	11.59	6.84
Cardiff	11.58	10.8	—	—	Newquay	10.22	6.20	10.58	5.30
Devonport	10.48	4.90	11.23	4.70	Oban	10.44	3.40	11.26	3.10
Dover	3.53	6.21	4.23	5.87	Penzance	10.18	4.70	10.52	4.80
Falmouth	10.18	4.70	10.52	4.80	Portland	11.24	1.70	—	—
Glasgow	5.45	4.40	5.46	4.70	Portsmouth	4.29	3.71	5.11	3.59
Harwich	4.29	3.71	5.11	3.59	Stornoway	3.19	4.58	3.40	5.08
Holyhead	3.19	4.58	3.40	5.08	Stromness	4.00	5.84	4.24	5.52
Hull	11.26	6.56	11.41	6.77	Southampton	3.53	4.25	4.17	4.04
Ilfracombe	11.04	8.15	11.38	7.77	Swansea	11.28	8.31	—	—
King's Lynn	11.36	5.60	11.46	5.90	Tees	9.04	4.68	9.20	4.77
Leith	7.49	4.98	8.10	5.04	W'ton-on-Nze	4.25	3.91	5.09	3.78

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Post Office eyes Sunday paper round

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ Delivering Sunday newspapers by the Post Office could make the delivery of mail on Sundays feasible again for the first time since the service was withdrawn in 1921

THE Post Office intends to propose to national newspaper publishers that it take over delivery of Britain's Sunday newspapers if it is given the commercial freedom it is seeking from the Government.

The fact that the Post Office is considering entering the Sunday newspaper delivery market is a clear sign of the new directions in which its senior managers feel that they could take the organisation if it were removed from what they see as the straitjacket of the current public spending system.

Members of the Post Office board, including Mike Heron, the chairman, and Bill Cockburn, the chief executive, have been examining proposals aimed at framing a bid for the delivery of Sunday newspapers.

Board members believe that the Post Office's current Sunday service could easily be extended to delivery of newspapers, which they envisage being delivered in a different way — probably shrink-wrapped, as in the US — and they are convinced that they could offer newspaper publishers competitive pricing and ensure early delivery to readers' homes.

Newspaper delivery would also mark a significant upgrade of the Post Office's business. Sunday collections were reintroduced in February 1990 after being abandoned in the mid-1970s because of trade union opposition.

Although no deliveries are made on Sundays — the last Sunday letter delivery in Britain having been made on June 12, 1921 — the collection service, which employs van drivers and depot sorters, has expanded in volume since being reintroduced, and now some 2.2 million items of mail are collected each Sunday.

In line with its plan to move into the Sunday newspaper delivery market if allowed to do so, the Post Office has concluded that the single most common use of Sunday mail is in replying to newspaper advertisements — an overlap that Post Office managers believe has further commercial possibilities.

At present, three-quarters of newspapers are delivered, with the system often relying on teenagers to handle the final deliveries to houses. The Post Office would be likely to argue that delivery by Post Office van would be safer and, given the increasing bulk of individual Sunday papers, would assist handling. A quarter of newspaper readers who have stopped taking papers have done so because of the cost of the delivery service.

Such a move by the Post Office would mark a major shift in the newspaper industry's distribution system, unchanged since News International — publisher of *The Times* — led a shift from rail-based to road-based distribution in 1987 after the Wapping industrial dispute.

Last month, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission found that both newspaper publishers and distributors were operating complex monopolies, and talks are under way to try to resolve problems identified by the MMC.

Although the Post Office's plans for the Sunday newspaper market do not mean that it is likely to make any moves back towards delivery of mail on Sundays, Post Office managers acknowledge privately that business success in delivering Sunday papers could only help to show that Sunday mail deliveries might at some point again be feasible.

Any move by the Post Office into such a market as newspaper delivery would only be possible if the Government agrees to its request to be freed from the current public spending system, under which the profitable Post Office is a significant net contributor to Government revenues.

Although Department of Trade and Industry ministers are sympathetic to such claims, the Treasury is believed to be unhappy about such a step, in spite of Post Office managers quoting precedents in other organisations in Britain and in foreign postal systems.

The Post Office is pressing the Government to publish the conclusions of the DTI's long-delayed review into the future of the Post Office. The review, now more than a year late, is understood to have rejected all-out privatisation because ministers doubt whether such a move would command Parliamentary approval.

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SIMON WALKER



Richard Stevens, finance director, left, with an Ellesse model and David Bernstein, Pentland's joint managing director

Coopers declared blameless

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants has given Coopers & Lybrand a clean bill of health after conducting an enquiry into the firm's procedures and audit controls as a result of the collapse of the Maxwell group of companies.

As auditors of Maxwell companies and pension schemes, Coopers & Lybrand has been widely criticised for not detecting problems within the group well before its collapse in November 1991.

The enquiry concluded that no regulatory action was needed in relation to Coopers & Lybrand's internal systems. The enquiry did not involve an examination of any of the firm's audits of the Maxwell group of companies.

Brandon Gough, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, said: "Our audits of the Maxwell companies and pension schemes were conducted under the regime of the high standards of quality and professionalism that we set for ourselves. It is reassuring that the institute has now endorsed our standards."

However, Coopers & Lybrand may still face a legal challenge by the administrators of various parts of the Maxwell group.

In a separate development, the trustees of the defrauded Mirror Group Pension Scheme received a £25 million payment from Bank of America in an out-of-court agreement. The claim related to the bank's role as custodian of certain assets belonging to the Mirror scheme. The payment is the biggest sum recovered by Maxwell pension schemes since the £59 million reaped last year from the sale of Teva shares, relinquished by National Westminster Bank.

Claims for £38 million had been against both Bank of America and Crédit Suisse, which had received pension assets from Bank of America as security for loans to the Robert Maxwell Group. Bank of America is making the payment without admitting any legal responsibility, and the trustees have announced that they will continue an action against Crédit Suisse.

Colin Cornwall, chairman of the Mirror trustees, said that an action claiming £200 million against Invesco, Capel Cure Myers and Lehman Brothers was due to start in the High Court on January 25.

Game, set and catch at Pentland

PENTLAND, the cash-rich sporting and consumer goods company, has made a flying start to 1994 by expanding in Europe with the acquisition of 90 per cent of Ellesse, the Italian sports goods maker (Philip Pangalos writes). The deal is worth up to £23 million.

The remaining 10 per cent stays with Dr Leonardo Servadio, the founder of Ellesse, which is best known for making ski and tennis clothing and footwear as well as selling sporting clothing under its own Ellesse brand name. It made profits before interest and tax of about £1.8 million in 1992. Pentland shares firmed 2p to 104p.

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Robert Ballantyne

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Eisner's $7m dwarfed by 90%



No bonus, but Michael Eisner can still afford to smile

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE fall in profits at Walt Disney, caused by huge losses at Euro Disney, near Paris, has cut the pay of Michael Eisner, the chairman and chief executive, by 90 per cent and erased his bonus for the first time in 10 years.

But he may yet emerge as America's highest-paid executive, having cashed in share options worth almost $200 million in December 1992. The profit from that is put at $127 million, and will be counted as part of his 1993 pay.

Mr Eisner's option proceeds were not counted in the 1992 American pay league because they were cashed in November, after Disney's 1992 financial year-end in September.

For 1993, Mr Eisner was paid a salary of $750,000 and a $9,600 insurance benefit (before share options are taken into account). In 1992, his salary and bonuses totalled more than $7 million.

Losses at Euro Disney plunged Walt Disney into the red during July, August and September and caused profits for the year to fall by 63 per cent, to $299.77 million. As a result, Mr Eisner was awarded no bonus for the first time since he took the helm at the company ten years ago. He has described the Euro Disney project as a big financial mistake and has threatened that Walt Disney, which owns 49 per cent of the European theme park, could pull out of the debt restructuring plan.

Meanwhile, accusations that Walt Disney has failed to co-operate with KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm conducting an audit of Euro Disney, have been denied.

French news reports suggested that Price Waterhouse, Walt Disney's accountants had declined to provide certain information requested by KPMG. It was also claimed that Banque Nationale de Paris and Banque Indosuez, leaders of the creditor banks' co-ordinating committee, had written to Walt Disney protesting about the company's failure to co-operate.

A spokesman said last night: "We're co-operating fully. I am not aware of any letter being sent to us."

MCI puts $20bn in 'highway'

FROM OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT

MCI Communications, the American partner of BT, unveiled a plan for $20 billion of investment over the next six years to create the first trans-american electronic "superhighway" using fibre optics.

As a first step, MCI, America's second-largest long distance telephone company, will provide the first high-speed electronic superhighway across America by the end of this year, and extend it across the Atlantic and Pacific by the end of next. The division will be called NetworkMCI.

The move is part of the revolution of delivering voice, business information and entertainment into the home and office down one wire.

MCI is also extending its attack on the American regional telephone companies with a $2 billion investment on switching systems that will enable it to avoid paying fees for the use of local systems, so adding $5.5 billion to MCI's $12 billion annual revenue.

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GM seeks court ban on staff joining Volkswagen


López: expected in court

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, will resume battle in the courts today with General Motors, America's leading automotive group, over alleged poaching by VW of a string of executives from Opel, GM's German subsidiary, last year.

Ferdinand Piëch, who has been dogged by controversy since taking over as VW management board chairman a year ago, has embroiled the group in a legal war with GM, besides pursuing tough cost-cutting policies, including a radical move to a four-day week at VW's German plants.

Opel, which claims that poaching seven executives gave VW an unfair competitive edge, is seeking a ruling by the Frankfurt state court barring former executives who followed José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, Herr Piëch's Spanish purchasing and production chief, from GM to VW, from making the switch.

A lower court last month rejected, on technical grounds, an Opel request for a temporary ban on former employees working for VW.

Herr Piëch and Señor López are expected to appear before the Frankfurt court in what promises to be a prolonged affair. Opel is hoping for a quick conclusion to proceedings, confident that a verdict can be reached with existing documentary evidence and testimonies. However, VW's lawyer says that the case will last months.

The executive poaching case is part of a web of legal actions between VW and GM, the potentially most explosive of which are the criminal allegations against Señor López for alleged industrial espionage against GM, which are subject to investigation by legal authorities on both sides of the Atlantic.

An "independent" report, commissioned by VW, did nothing to reduce tension between the two companies, and the bitter conflict has alarmed the normally calm, well-mannered world of corporate Germany. The VW study, issued in November, found no evidence that VW had engaged in industrial spying. GM dismissed the report as a whitewash.

Although the Piëch-López duo have succeeded in making huge cost reductions that promise to put VW back in the black, in spite of continued recession in the European market, the outcome of the court battle could give their critics on VW's supervisory board the power to have them ousted.

Attempts at mediation between the two automotive groups have failed, and GM appears determined to seek satisfaction in the courts. Herr Piëch's uncompromising remarks about the "economic war" that the Americans are waging on Germany offer scant hope of a truce.

Apart from the industrial espionage and executive poaching cases, the German courts are also investigating Señor López for alleged false statements under oath.

Money supply points to surge in retail sales

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

■ The money supply is growing at a rate above the Government's target range, adding to evidence of a retail recovery but damping hopes that interest rates can be cut

OFFICIAL figures showing stronger than expected money supply growth last month confirmed trade reports of a surge in retail spending over the Christmas period and bode well for the underlying trend in sales continuing upwards.

But M0, the narrow money measure, remains well above the Government target range of zero to 4 per cent annual growth, giving Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, added justification for leaving base rates unchanged at 5.5 per cent.

According to provisional estimates by the Bank of England, M0, the measure mainly comprised of banknotes and coins in circulation, rose a seasonally-adjusted 5.8 per cent in the year to December, up from the 5.1 per cent reported for the year to November. M0 is seen as a fairly good coincident indicator of retail spending.

With export market hopes still to a large extent dependent on recovery in continental Europe, which accounts for 60 per cent of British trade, the Government is having to rely on revived consumer confidence to sustain the recovery at home.

That retail sales were so strong in December, in spite of the prospect of a big rise in taxation this year, will be welcome news to Mr Clarke, whom many commentators accused of putting recovery at risk in his November Budget.

Part of the 1 per cent month-on-month rise in M0 in December, after an 0.4 per cent gain in November, was due to the increase in the banks' operational deposits, which give no indication about the state of the economy.

But Adrian Cooper, economist at James Capel, said the 0.6 per cent December rise in the notes and coins component of M0, after an 0.7 per cent rise the previous month, not only took annual growth to 5.7 per cent, its strongest since July 1990, but produced even stronger shorter-term growth, with the annualised rate over the past three months running at 7.9 per cent.

Ian Amstad, economist at Bankers Trust, said the strong M0 figures, while supporting anecdotal evidence of a surge in retail sales, argued against the likelihood of a further cut in interest rates in the short term. "They indicate the economy is doing fine and suggest there is no need for further monetary easing," he said.

Not all City commentators were upbeat in their reading of the money supply figures and the implication for retail sales. Some observed that the notes and coins component suggested that retails sales were rather weak in November, followed by something of a catch-up in December.

Hopes that the Bundesbank will trigger a widespread easing in European interest rates this week, giving Mr Clarke scope to move UK base rate lower, are likely to go unfulfilled when the German central bank's policy-setting council meets tomorrow.

Frankfurt economists expect the Bundesbank to act soon to lower its key lending rates, but belive it has insufficient fresh guidance on the economy to decide on a rate cut this week, its first council session of the new year. The weakness of the mark appeared to have prevented a cut at its last session on December 16.

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Alan Jackson, of BTR, who retains a holding of just under 294,000 shares

Bonus-friendly Provident

BY ROSE WILD, PERSONAL FINANCE EDITOR

FRIENDS Provident is maintaining its annual bonus rates on conventional with-profits endowment policies. The news was greeted with cautious optimism; it had been expected that the cuts suffered in the past two years would continue.

General Accident has reduced its annual bonus rates on policies taken out since 1982, but announced a small increase on its maturity payouts for longer-term with-profits endowments policies. The maturity value of a 25-year £30 per month policy as at January 1, 1994, is 0.2 per cent up on last year, when the payout was £65,464, paying out £65,604. This compares with a maturity value of £65,255 for January 1, 1992. Ten- and 15-year policies have suffered, particularly the latter, the bonus rates for which are down by 5.3 per cent.

Reversionary bonus rates for General Accident's unitised with-profit policies are down 1 per cent to 7.5 per cent, from 8.5 per cent in 1992. Unitised pension policy rates are down to 9.5 per cent, from 10.5 per cent.

Friends Provident says there will be no change to bonus rates on conventional with-profits policies, the maturity payout has been cut on a 25-year £30 per month policy to £61,636, from £61,496 last year and £62,438 in 1992. The regular bonus rate for unitised with-profit policies has also been cut, from 8 per cent to 7.25 per cent.

Beale Dobie, market-makers in second hand endowment policies, was happy to see that early announcements indicated a steadier position, and a reflection of optimism in the markets. While bonus rates do not exactly reflect movements in the equity markets, the steadying of the rate indicates that the cuts over the last two years have sufficiently redressed the balance needed to restore levels seen after the stock market crash.

Private groups show interest in closed pits

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATE mining groups are interested in resuming coal production at four of the eight pits closed by British Coal at the end of last year. The pits are Bentley, near Doncaster; Calverton, near Nottingham; Rufford, near Mansfield; and Wearmouth, Tyne & Wear.

Preliminary approaches have also been made concerning closed pits at Littleton, near Cannock; Frickley, near Pontefract; Silverdale in Staffordshire; and Hatfield, near Doncaster. Private concerns have until January 21 to confirm their interest.

The eight pits are among 28 closed by British Coal since March. Although all have been offered to the private sector, detailed talks have been held about restarting production at only six mines: Betws, Dyffed; Trentham, near Stoke-on-Trent; Markham Main and Rossington, both near Doncaster; Clipstone, near Mansfield; and Coventry Colliery.

British Coal still has 22 mines in production and one more, Asfordby, in Leicestershire, under development. However, as many as five more mines are expected to shut before April, when smaller sales contracts to National Power and PowerGen, the generators, take effect. That will lead to further cuts in a workforce already reduced to 16,000 miners and about 7,000 white collar and surface industrial staff.

BTR chief in £1m shares sale

ALAN Jackson, chief executive of BTR, the industrial conglomerate, celebrated the new year by cashing in more than a million pounds' worth of the company's shares.

He sold 275,000 shares at 374p on December 31, though the price was well down on the high for the year of 407p. He retains a holding of just under 294,000 shares, worth £1.05 million, as well as 680,000 share options and 50,000 warrants.

Norman Ireland, BTR's chairman, said Mr Jackson had cleared the sale with him about six months ago. However, he had been prevented from legally selling the shares until December.

The share price fell 15p to 358p at yesterday's close.

Vodafone subscribers rise above 1 million

VODAFONE's subscribers increased by more than 52,000 in December, giving a year-end total of more than a million for the first time. The total included more than 170,000 on the LowCall tariff. The increase is the fourth record-breaking figure in the past six months. "In the last year, the mobile phone market has returned to the growth patterns experienced before the recession," said Chris Gent, managing director. "The last quarter was our best ever." He added that increased promotional activities might have been a factor.

Gross Vodafone connections during 1993 totalled 435,000, giving a net connection figure of 256,000. The number of net new subscribers was almost twice that of the two preceding years put together, the company said. Vodafone shares rose 13p to 607p. "The December connections figures were much better than I expected," said Patrick Hickey, telecommunications analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker. "I thought they might have had about 40,000 connections." He added: "It's just my guess, but I also think most of the new connections would have been on the business tariff rather than Christmas consumer sales."

German outlook poor

WESTERN German industrial output has fallen more sharply than expected, raising fears that the economy may not be recovering as expected. Industrial output in west Germany fell 2.1 per cent in November from the previous month — including a 1.8 per cent fall in factory output — the economics ministry said. According to the Bundesbank, it was 4.5 per cent below the level of November 1992. October production figures were revised down to show a fall of 0.7 per cent, instead of the previously reported 0.4 per cent. Economists said government forecasts of 1994 gdp growth of up to 1 per cent were optimistic.

GrandMet ends deal

GRAND Metropolitan is to be paid an unspecified cash sum after its decision to accelerate the ending of an agreement to distribute Absolut vodka in the United States, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. GrandMet said that the 13-year-old agreement with the Swedish Vin & Sprit group would end on February 1 instead of September 30. Last October, Vin & Sprit served notice on International Distillers & Vintners, the drinks division of GrandMet, that the agreement whereby Carillon Importers (part of IDV) distributed annually 2.9 million cases of Absolut vodka in certain US territories would end in favour of Seagram.

Guardian shares halted

DEALING was suspended in the shares of Guardian Group, a building and environmental services maintenance concern formerly known as Associated Energy Services, pending publication of trading accounts to last June 30. In October, the USM-quoted company, which specialises in piling and underpinning, said it was in talks to raise further finance. At that time, John Broad, chairman, announced losses of £420,103 for the seven months to June, 1992. He said he would announce results for the 12 months to June 30, 1993 — the company has changed its year-end — as soon as possible. The shares were halted at 6p. Tempus, page 23

Molins plans appeal

MOLINS, a specialised engineering group, has lost another round in a seven-year patent battle, but plans to appeal. Molins, best known as a producer of cigarette-making machines, and co-plaintiff John Smith, claim they have a patent on Flexible Manufacturing Systems, a computer control of several machine tools. However, the Delaware District Court formally entered judgment against them. The court also awarded costs against Molins and Mr Smith. A Molins spokesman said the appeal could begin later this year, but he said it was difficult to estimate how long the patent case would last.

French car sales slide

THE French car market has had its worst year since 1975, the French carmakers' council reported. Registrations of new cars in 1993 fell by 18.3 per cent, from 2.1 million to 1.7 million. The steep drop reflected economic slowdown, high interest rates for consumer credit, and redundancy fears. French carmakers captured 60.3 per cent of their domestic market, compared with 59.8 per cent in 1992. The biggest drop in sales to the French market — 31.3 per cent — was suffered by Fiat. Honda fared best, with only a 4.9 per cent drop. The sales decline for France's carmakers — Renault, Peugeot and Citroën — averaged 17.7 per cent.

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Rescue talks on AEEU merger

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union are to hold crisis talks tomorrow, in a bid to rescue the amalgamation between the old engineering and electrical unions after a formal withdrawal by the engineers from all meetings of the joint union.

Companies recognising the merged AEEU, which was formed in 1992, believe their operations have benefited from the amalgamation, and any serious threat to it will be nervously regarded by unionised industry.

Bill Jordan and Gavin Laird, president and general secretary of the AEEU's engineering section, will tomorrow meet Ken Jackson and Paul Gallagher, their opposite numbers in the electrical section, to see if ways can be found to repair the damage.

Finance is at the core of the dispute. Electricians' leaders believe that the engineering section is still overspending, while engineering leaders do not believe that the electricians are contributing sufficiently to the merged union.

There is also a disagreement over the joint union's annual conference. Engineering union conferences were small, with only about 100 delegates making decisions, which were binding on the union's executive. Electricians' conferences were larger, with more than 800 delegates, and decisions were not binding. Engineering leaders agreed to an 800-strong conference, but walked out when the electricians refused to accept that its decisions should be binding on the joint union's executive.

Behind this formal disagreement lies concern about powerbases. Engineering leaders are determined to prevent Mr Gallagher from succeeding Mr Laird in May as the joint union's general secretary.

Electricians' leaders believe the engineering union has been disposing of property assets too cheaply, while engineering leaders are concerned that proceeds of a possible sale of Buxted Park, the old electricians' union's country house training establishment in Sussex, would not go into joint union funds.

The joint union has also yet to resolve its problems over affiliating to the TUC. The TUC agreed last year to readmit the electricians, expelled in 1988, but no progress has been made because there still is not a sufficient majority on the joint AEEU executive for rejoining the TUC.

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Dated this day of 20 December 1993
P.B. Herrington, Liquidator.

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(Estate about £18,800)

CARTER, ARTHUR EDWARD CARTER late of Horam, East Sussex died at Brede, East Sussex on 17 September 1993
(Estate about £26,000)

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The Home Office is conducting a market test for the provision of reprographic, distribution, design and illustration services which are currently provided from Central London sites.

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Organisations interested in tendering should have regard to the Notice in the official Journal and should respond by 27 January 1994. Further information can be obtained from: Mr K Venosi, Home Office, Room 10/09 Riverwalk House, 157-161 Millbank, London SW1P 4RT. Tel: 071 217 3749. Fax: 071 217 3750.

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☐ Media policy has been too slow to change ☐ Eurotunnel prepares for next challenge ☐ Infants tumble into world business

Crossing the media Rubicon

☐ PETER Brooke's review of cross-media ownership has at least produced a hopeful one-day gain of a third for beleaguered holders of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees warrants. But the belated review, unlikely to deliver action until the autumn, emphasises the disorganisation — indeed sheer panic — at the National Heritage department over the Government's media policy. While the Cabinet was obsessed for a decade by hatred of television and its monopoly ways, leading to prolonged harassment of the BBC, the absurd ITV franchise auction and, from January 1, permission for anyone without British media interests to take over regional ITV monopolies, the real world in which media companies operate was being transformed. International giants were being created spanning anything from telephones, cable systems, broadcasting and films to print information, while Britain's sole policy was to force down monopoly costs.

Such insularity is breathtaking. It is having to be unwound in haste to stop Britain being left hopelessly behind in a world industry in which it has a natural advantage. Among newspaper owners only News International, which owns *The Times* among much else, successfully managed the risk-taking lateral thinking needed to sidestep regulation via satellite, though Pearson tried. Shackled media groups were left to diversify into oil or catering.

As the new year approached, ITV looked destined to become fodder for foreign media groups such as the predatory Signor Berlusconi, or conglomerators looking for cheap cash flow, producing the first concession. Carlton duly consummated its bid for Central Television yesterday as LWT still searches for an alternative to Granada. The most promising domestic rivals are still stuck on the sidelines.

The ban on owners of UK newspapers controlling ITV companies was designed to prevent regional press/television monopolies. Since truly regional television now seems destined to decline as regional press power did long ago, the rule now makes little sense. General competition laws are capable of stemming local monopoly or excessive national or even EC-wide concentration. Rigid rules and enforced monopoly should give way to a more general control to ensure competition and diversity. Ownership of all television providers, including satellite, Channel 4 and any fifth national channel, should be treated equally in a freer system. Regional stations should be freer to compete beyond franchise areas.

If common sense belatedly prevails, more British companies might still have the chance to develop in one of the international growth industries of the next decade from a strong home base. Stage one is easy enough. There would be another flurry of domestic deals. It is not so obvious that many British groups, or their big shareholders, would take the risks needed to become world class.

Dragonfly emerges from the Channel

AFTER six years as a troublesome and ever more cash-hungry larva, Eurotunnel has entered a period of metamorphosis. The future of the fixed link between Britain and France, nay, Europe, now depends on the success with which Eurotunnel can transform itself from a project development company into a rail link operator. In a week's time, Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's chief executive, will unveil the fare structure for motorists using the tunnel for continental trips this summer. With fares from around £160 to £260 per car, according to season, it already seems clear that Le Shuttle will be no cut-price option for the holiday traveller.



In the company's eyes, the underground car ferry is crucial to its income stream. Of projected current year revenues of £224 million, £120 million is forecast to be generated by Le Shuttle. Next year, it is projected to bring in £305 million of Eurotunnel's £554 million income, rising to £404 million out of £691 million in 1996. But over the next few months Eurotunnel and the companies buying capacity through its twin bores have to bring into operation and integrate a range of services. Shuttle wagons carrying lorries are set to begin running on March 7, through freight trains a week later, car shuttles on May 7 and "souvenir" city-to-city passenger services around the same time. Maintaining the reliability of these services while gradually augmenting their frequency will be a formidable challenge.

The skills required will be very different from those displayed by Sir Alastair during half a decade of contract and financing wrangles. He has already indicated, wisely, that he will take a back seat. Henceforth, the *chauffeur* leaning on the dead man's handle will be Eurotunnel's chief executive, transportation, Alain Bertrand. The need for a fixed link between Britain and its continental trading partners is strong. But the nature of the traffic it will carry may yet turn out to be very different to that predicted by the project's developers. The amount of freight carried by rail in Britain (and on into Europe) is expected to treble once the tunnel opens. If trains can cut travel times between London and Paris to three hours of hassle-free snoozing, they will also woo many passengers from the airlines.

Optimists, who have been pushing up the Eurotunnel share price in recent days, hope the project will emerge this spring as colourful and appealing as a dragonfly. They may be right, but its flying characteristics remain unpredictable.

Som and lev toddle into the new world

☐ ONE not entirely welcome feature of the new year is ever more economic statistics and financial news. The business world is expanding each day as former communist states take faltering steps into the bewildering future of a market economy.

A few items from yesterday's financial wires give the flavour. China (already nearing its market *bar mitzvah*) found its currency, the yuan, devalued a third against the dollar following new year unification of internal and trading rates. Market-watchers need to know that the trade deficit reached $7.7 billion in the first 11 months of 1993, suggesting 1994 output growth will have to come down dangerously near to single-figures.

In Tashkent, where the economy is still a toddler with no battered red box in sight, local Uzbek businessmen woke to an economic decree. It imposed new corporate taxes designed to help establish the nascent local currency, the som, which is thus far only in coupon form, but has slumped to nearly 5,000 per dollar on the black market against an official 1,240. Companies earning hard currencies must pay 15 per cent income tax out of them to build national reserves.

Nearer home, reports come from Bratislava that Slovakia's monthly budget deficit edged down to 16 billion crowns in November. But consumer price inflation rose to 25.5 per cent, and unemployment to 14 per cent. Meanwhile from Sofia, we learn that Bulgaria's currency, the lev, crumbled to a record low of nearly 39 to the dollar.

Don't care? Too obscure? Just a joke? That was once said about Japan and not so long ago about South Korea. To international bankers, multinationals' planners and emerging markets specialists, this is the future.

Carlton gets Central as ITV awaits shake-up

By Susan Gilchrist

CARLTON Communications cleared the final hurdle in its £758 million agreed bid for Central Independent Television by clinching enough votes to gain control of the Midlands franchise holder.

The company, headed by Michael Green, said it had received acceptances from shareholders representing 56 per cent of Central's ordinary shares by the first closing date, last Friday. Together with its existing 19.1 per cent stake, this gives Carlton control of 75.1 per cent of the capital. Its separate offer for Central's convertible bonds has been accepted by 70.7 per cent of bondholders.

Carlton's bid was the first of the big ITV takeovers after Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, relaxed rules governing ITV ownership to allow one company to hold two ITV franchises. The deal, which will make Carlton by far the biggest company in the ITV network, was launched less than a week after Mr Brooke announced the rule changes.

The City is eagerly awaiting the final defence document from LWT, the London franchise holder fighting off a hostile bid by Granada. Analysts said that the announcement on Monday that the Government was to review cross-media ownership rules that prevented newspaper publishers controlling more than 20 per cent of any ITV company, could strengthen LWT's case. With big media groups such as Pearson, publisher of the *Financial Times*, perhaps about to be allowed to bid for television companies, shareholders may be tempted to reject Granada's offer and hold out for a higher bid.

The prospect of relaxation of cross-media ownership rules buoyed up media shares on the London stock market. Pearson was up 11p, to 619p, and Reed rose 24p, to 920p, on hopes that any liberalisation would encourage creation of British media conglomerates.

Analysts believe that Britain's major newspaper groups will be the main beneficiaries. Derek Terrington, of Kleinwort Benson, said: "They are the ones who have been constrained by regulation but who have wanted to get involved in other media."

The Telegraph already owns 5 per cent of Carlton. Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mail*, has a 20 per cent stake in Westcountry Television and interests in cable television.

Pearson may increase its 15 per cent stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees or do a deal with LWT. It is also interested in Channel 5. Reed Elsevier, the international publisher that last year sold its 3.7 per cent stake in BSkyB, is likely to pursue opportunities outside television.

Lorna Tilbian, of Warburgs, said that relaxation of rules might see more regional publishers buying into local radio stations, hitherto forbidden.

Managers buy APV unit

APV, which supplies processing equipment to the food and drink industries, is selling Douglas Machine Corporation, its American packaging equipment subsidiary, to managers for $28.9 million.

APV is set to make a profit of about £9.5 million on the sale, after goodwill and transaction costs. The net proceeds will be used to cut group debt.

Under the deal, Douglas, based in Minnesota, has retained cash balances of $6.9 million. Douglas made a pre-tax profit of $4 million in 1992 and had net assets of $13.9 million at the time. The buyout team was backed by Norwest Venture Capital Management of Minneapolis.

The sell-off is part of APV's efforts to concentrate on application and process engineering, automation and project management. APV shares firmed 1½p to 119½p.

Glaxo launches further Zantac action

GLAXO, the pharmaceuticals group, has launched additional legal action in America against Genpharm Pharmaceuticals, of Canada, for alleged infringement of the patent on Zantac, its anti-ulcer treatment (Colin Campbell writes). The additional action concerns a patent that expires in December 1995.

Glaxo's earlier action against Genpharm concerns a patent that is due to expire in June, 2002. Glaxo added that that action had been set down for trial on May 16.

The group reiterated that its latest legal move was consistent with the policy of enforcing its intellectual property rights worldwide.

On the stock market, Glaxo shares fell 9p to 716p. Analysts said that they continued to be disappointed that the expected year-end approval from the US Food and Drug Administration, America's licensing authority, for two Glaxo drugs had not been granted. Glaxo said that US drugs approval should come "at any time", though the stock market had been used to seeing year-end "clear-out" announcements from the FDA.

Glaxo's applications for approval of an anti-asthma treatment and for an anti-migraine treatment in tablet form are being "actively reviewed" by the FDA. The group hopes approval will be given in due course.

Spain still fears for Banesto's health

THE Spanish authorities are insisting that the situation of Banco Español de Crédito-Banesto requires urgent action, despite differing opinions at JP Morgan, the US investment banking group.

A Spanish monetary source confirmed that before the crisis broke last Tuesday, JP Morgan had put Banesto's needs substantially below the 503 billion pesetas (£2.3 billion) the Bank of Spain said was necessary to bring it back to financial health.

The source said: "Morgan evidently considered that the Bank of Spain had been excessively prudent in its assessment. They're within their rights but the situation was urgent." Morgan led a 94 billion peseta equity issue for Banesto in August, but put off a $400 million debt operation planned for October once it realised the bank's finances had worsened.

This precipitated the Bank of Spain's decision to step in. But according to *Expansion* newspaper, Morgan and Banesto's former management had estimated Banesto's needs at 372 billion pesetas.

Eurotunnel banks agree final plan for funding

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE 23 lead banks to Eurotunnel have approved plans for a final funding round to raise up to £1.4 billion for the £10 billion Channel Tunnel project.

That clears the way for a £500 million rights issue in March or April, before the official tunnel opening on May 6. The remainder of the cash, needed primarily to meet additional interest charges arising from the 11-month delay in starting services, will be provided by Eurotunnel's panel of 400 banks worldwide.

Implementation of the funding plan requires the agreement of the banking syndicate to changes in its credit agreement with Eurotunnel, the commitment of lenders to provide new debt and the detailed preparation of the rights issue.

Though Eurotunnel and the British and French governments have settled their compensation dispute, a case against the national railway companies is unresolved.

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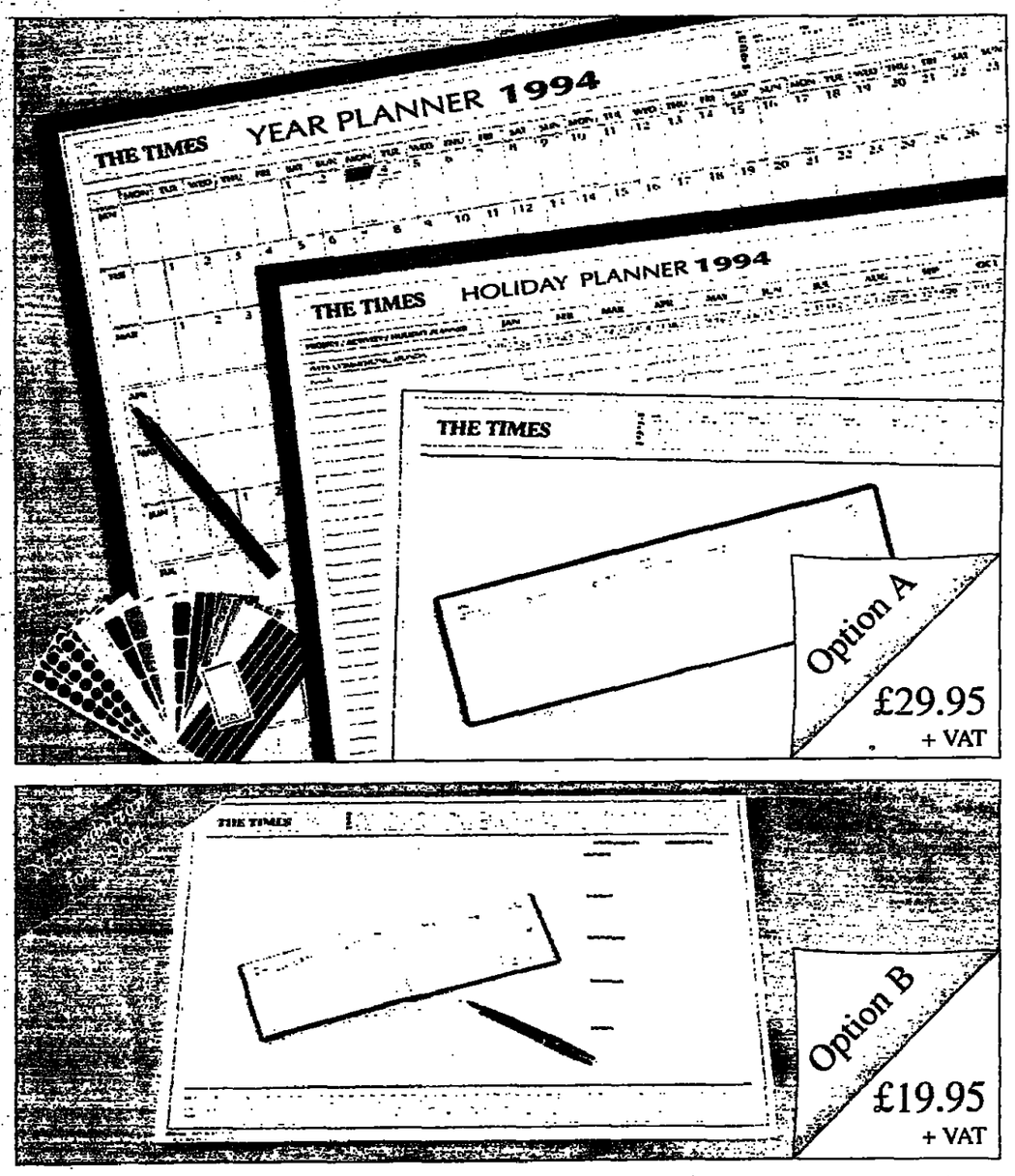
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Market-makers take opportunity to push down prices

OVERNIGHT weakness on world bond markets fuelled by mounting speculation of a rise in American interest rates gave market-makers in London the opportunity to push down share prices on the first day's trading of 1994.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was down almost 40 points amid further heavy selling of futures, with UBS and Goldman Sachs both thought to have increased the selling pressure by taking up short positions.

The equity market followed bond prices lower for much of the morning, but the expected drop in the Dow Jones industrial average during resumed trading on Wall Street failed to materialise, and prices opened on a positive note.

STOCK MARKET

This provided the signal for a sustained rally in London, where the index reduced its deficit to just 9.9 points at 3,408.5 by the close.

Conditions were described as technical and the high level of turnover, of more than 1 billion shares, was inflated by trading in **Wakebourne** as the rump of its recent rights issue was placed. Williams de Broë, the broker, placed the balance of 124.58 million shares at about ¼p. By the close of business, 403 million shares had been traded as the price doubled to 3p.

BTR was a nervous market, falling 15p to 358p, as word went round that Alan Jackson, its chief executive, had decided to sell 275,000 shares during the company's closed season at 374p.

The oil price came under renewed pressure, with Opec said to be meeting soon to discuss further production cuts. There were losses for **BP**, 7p to 353p, **Shell**, 10p to 717p, and **Enterprise**, 8p to 440p.

Lourho responded positively with a rise of 5p to 134p, as the gold price began nudging towards $400 an ounce. Dealers reported heavy turnover of more than 8 million shares, helped by the proposed listing of Ashanti.

Ladbroke jumped 13p to 175p after being featured as one of Kleinwort Benson's top-ten share tips for 1994. **Vodafone**, the mobile phone operator, firmed 3p to 597p. The number of new subscribers last month reached 52,000, taking the total to more than 1 million, the fourth, consecutive monthly record rise.

Carlton Communications fell 6p to 842p after claiming it had won control of **Central Independent Television**. Carlton now speaks for 75.1 per cent of Central after its £758 million offer. Central eased 5p to £29.48.

The other television companies also responded positively to the announcement that the Government is reviewing the rules relating to cross-media ownership that currently prevent newspaper companies from buying stakes in independent television companies. **Anglia TV** rose 5p to 433p, **HTV** 4p to 113p, and **Yorkshire-Tyne Tees TV** 10p to 166p.

Eurotunnel climbed 21p to 631p after receiving the go-ahead for new funding proposals totalling about Fr10 billion. The 23 banks have agreed the proposals prior to a £500 million rights issue. **P&O** says it has increased passenger volumes between Dover and Calais by 20 per cent to 8.9 million in the run-up to the opening of the tunnel. The number of vehicles carried rose 32 per cent to 1.55 million. P&O finished 7p lower at 639p.

The utilities suffered amid growing concern about increased regulatory interference. Among the electricity distributors, **Manweb** fell 17p to 760p, **Midlands** 10p to 710p, **Northern** 9p to 713p, and **South Wales** 6p to 756p. Among the generators, **National Power** lost 8p at 476p.

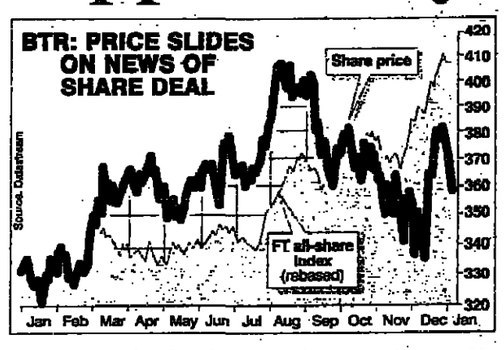
The water companies also lost ground, with **Anglian** down 10p at 582p, **North West** 13p at 573p, and **Northumbrian** 14p at 712p.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts suffered hefty falls, reflecting overnight losses on world bond markets that stemmed from the growing pressure for a rise in American interest rates.

The March series of the Long Gilt touched a low for the day of £119$^{1}/_{16}$ before finishing almost £1 down at £119$^{1}/_{8}$ as 57,000 contracts were completed.

Prices in the cash market were down £1¼ at one stage before closing off the bottom, helped by a firmer start to trading on the US bond market. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell £1$^{3}/_{32}$ to £126$^{7}/_{16}$, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 lost £¼ at £115$^{31}/_{16}$.

MICHAEL CLARK



Williams buys US security specialist

By Martin Flanagan

WILLIAMS Holdings, the conglomerate, has honed its refocusing strategy with the $80 million purchase of Corbin & Russwin Architectural Hardware, an American security specialist, from Black & Decker.

The all-cash transaction, which dovetails Corbin & Russwin with the British company's Yale range of commercial locks in America, propels Williams from about number five to number two position in the United States market.

It is estimated that Williams will have about 23 per cent of the market, against 30 to 40 per cent for Ingersoll Rand, its main competitor. "We are now a very serious player," said Nigel Rudd, the Williams chairman.

He said the deal would also give Williams added buying power, as both sets of products were sourced largely in the Far East. There were also potential cost savings; Mr Rudd indicated that jobs were more likely to be cut than plants closed. Corbin & Russwin has 700 staff.

Corbin & Russwin's 1993 profits are estimated to have been $3.3 million, on sales of $78 million, after significant, though unspecified, restructuring costs.

Two weeks ago, Williams sold part of its engineering division to focus on the core sectors of security, fire protection and building products.

Mr Rudd said the distribution channels of both Yale and Corbin & Russwin products were similar, and the combination would lead to more "one-stop shopping" for architects and project specifiers. The net assets at completion are expected to be $35 million.

The chairman added that the acquisition developed Williams's strategy of developing market-leading companies.

After the latest acquisition, the security arm will have sales of $300 million in 50 countries. It is expected that the acquisition will be non-dilutive for shareholders in 1994. Williams's shares rose 2p to 376p.

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4820 (+0.0040)
German mark	2.5784 (+0.0096)
Exchange index	82.1 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3408.5 (-9.9)
Dow Jones	3765.61 (+9.01)*
Nikkei Avg	17369.74 (-47.50)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5½%
3-month Interbank	5⅝-5⅝%
US Federal Funds	3½%
3-month Treas Bills	3.09-3.07%*
Long Bond	6.38%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4838*	£:$ 1.4830
$.DM 1.7375*	£.DM 2.5815
$:SWfr 1.4865*	£:SWfr 2.2035
$.Ffr 5.9048*	£:Ffr 8.7670
$.Yen 112.77*	£:Yen 166.69
£:SDR n/a	£:ECU 1.3305

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)
AM 395.00 PM 394.10
Close 393.60-394.10
New York,
Comex 394.85-395.35*

OIL

Brent Crude $13.60 per bbl (Feb)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI. 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

CRH	366p (+12p)
Heywood Williams	418p (+11p)
RMC	943p (+11p)
ADT	605p (+12p)
Colorvision	102p (+11p)
Mitel	405p (+33p)
Scholes Group	187p (+22p)
EIS	393p (+12p)
Tomkins	247p (+13p)
VSEL	393p (+10p)
Castle Comms	263p (+15p)
Fairline Boats	350p (+30p)
Eurocamp	254p (+12p)

FALLS:

SG Warburg	908p (-23p)
ICI	788p (-12p)
Lloyds Chemists	361p (-11p)
Jardine	695p (-12p)
General Accident	707p (-9p)

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.09
Austria Sch	19.04	17.54
Belgium Fr	56.84	52.44
Canada $	2.055	1.885
Cyprus Cypz	0.795	0.746
Denmark Kr	10.65	05.85
Finland Mkk	9.25	08.45
France Fr	9.20	8.50
Germany Dm	2.72	2.51
Greece Dr	391.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	12.08	11.08
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2621.00	2468.00
Japan Yen	182.50	165.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	3.025	2.795
Norway Kr	11.72	10.82
Portugal Esc	272.50	254.00
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	220.50	206.50
Sweden Kr	12.94	12.14
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	21390.0	20390.0
USA $	1.575	1.445

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

WORLD MARKETS



Kimono-clad brokerage employees mark the start of new year trading at the Tokyo Stock Exchange

Dow higher in early trading

New York — A firm bond market and strength in technology and energy shares kept Wall Street trading higher at midday, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was 9.01 points up at 3,765.61. Advancing issues led declining shares by about ten to nine.

□ **Tokyo** — Shares closed a half-day trading session mixed, after largely recovering from early falls triggered by weak futures prices. The Nikkei average ended down 47.50 points at 17,369.74.

□ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index finished 14.40 points lower at 2,253.58, as investors took profits won in rallies. Dealers said that bearish futures players sold baskets of shares in the cash market, trimming the prices of Siemens, Daimler-Benz, Allianz and Deutsche Bank.

□ **Paris** — French shares finished lower. Dealers said they expected the market to continue consolidating around current record highs. The Cac-40 index ended 16.22 points, or 0.71 per cent, lower at 2,274.34. *(Reuter)*

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lev (100)	100½	...	
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	95	+1	
Azlan (230)	265	...	
CLM Insce (100)	106	...	
Celltech (250)	221	-3	
Chelsfield (155)	182	...	
DFS Furniture (260)	319	...	
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...	
Fenchurch (180)	179	...	
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	110	+1	
For & Col Smaller (100)	109½	...	
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	59	...	
Friends Prov Uts (120)	122	-1	
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	63	...	
Gartmore (168)	206	+1	
Govett Emerging C	117	...	
Govett High Inc (100)	111	-1	
Harmony Leisure Wrts	4	...	
Inspirations (100)	106	-2	
Kleinwort 2nd End (50)	51	-1	
Litho Supplies (190)	236	...	
London Industrial (320)	354	...	
Masthead Insce (100)	108	...	
Mercury World Mng (100)	110	+3	
Milligate (40)	41	+1	
Morgan Gren Eqty C (100)	109½	...	
NM Smllr Aust (100)	105	...	
NM Smllr Wrts	51	+1	
Nelson Hurst (140)	150	+2	
New London Capital (100)	99	...	
On Demand Info (78)	118	+5	
Pilot Inv C (100)	104	...	
Premium Trust	99	...	
Premium Underwriting	122	...	
Rossmont (10)	11	-½	
Royal Doulton	228	...	
Securitised End Cont (60)	61	...	
Telspec (160)	192	...	

LONDON SHARE SERVICE

	Jan 4 midday	Jan 3 close
AMP Inc	42¾	42¾
AMR Corp	67⅞	66⅞
Abbott Labs	29¾	28¾
Aetna Life	57½	57½
Ahmanson (H.F)	19¾	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	45¾	45¾
Albertson's	26	25¾
Alcan Aluminium	23¼	23¼
Alco Standard	54½	54
Allied Signal	78⅝	77¾
Alum Co of Am	70⅛	70⅛
Amax Gold Inc	7¾	7¾
Amerada Hess	46½	46¾
Ameritrade	33¾	33¾
Amer Cyanamid	49¾	49¾
Amer El Power	37¾	37¾
Amer Express	39⅜	39⅝
Amer Gen Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Amer Home Pr	64½	64½
Amer Intl	86½	85⅝
Amer Stores	45¾	45¾
Amer T & T	52⅝	52⅝
Amerltech	74⅝	75⅛
Amoco	58⅜	58⅜
Anheuser-Busch	48¾	48¾
Apple Computer	31½	29¾
Archer Daniels	23½	23
Arkla	9⅝	9⅝
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrong Wrld	52⅜	52½
Asarco	23	23
Ashland Oil	35½	34⅝
Atl Richfield	105½	105¾
Atlantic Res Pro	20¾	20¾
Avery Dennison	28⅝	28½
Avon Products	48⅛	48¾
Baker, Hughes	21	20⅞
Baldin Ces & El	25¾	25¾
Banc One	37⅞	38⅛
BankAmerica	45¾	45¾
Bank of NY	57⅜	57⅜
Bankers Tr NY	78⅜	78
Barnett Banks	41¾	41¾
Bausch & Lomb	50⅜	50⅜
Baxter Intl	24⅜	24⅜
Becn Dickinso	35⅝	35⅛
Bell Atlantic	57½	58⅛
BellSouth	55⅞	57¾
Black & Decker	20⅜	19¾
Block (Hard)	39⅝	40¼
Boeing	42¾	43⅜
Boise Cascade	29⅜	29¾
Borden Inc	16⅝	17¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	57⅞	57⅜
Browning Ferris	28⅜	25⅞
Burlington Nthn	37	37
CBS	209	203
CNA Financial	77	76½
CPC Intl	47⅝	47⅝
CSX	80¾	80¾
Campbell Soup	39⅝	40
Can Pacific	16⅝	16
Cpnl Cities Abc	609	609
Cpnl Holdings	37⅝	36⅝
Carolina Pwr	29⅝	29⅝
Caterpillar	90¼	89⅜
Central & SW	30⅛	30¼
Champion Intl	39¾	39¾
Chase Manhat	39⅜	39⅜
Chemical Bk	40¾	40¾
Chevron Corp	88⅝	88
Chrysler	54⅜	53¾
Chubb Corp	76⅜	76½
Cigna Corp	83⅝	82½
Cincorp	37¾	36¾
Cinergy	34⅝	34⅝
Circus	54⅝	54⅝
Coastal Corp	28¾	27¾
Coca Cola	44¾	44¾
Colgate-Palmolive	60¾	60¾
Columbia Gas	23	23¾
Commonw Ed	28	28¼
Compaq Comp	74	72½
Cmty Psych Inc	4¾	4¾
Conagra	26	26¼
Cons Edison	32½	33¼
Cons Nat Gas	46⅝	46¾
Cons Rail	65⅝	66¼
Cooper Inds	49	48⅝
Corning Inc	28¾	28⅝
Crown Cork	40⅞	40⅞
Dana Corp	38½	39⅝
Dayton Hudson	66⅜	66⅜
Deere	72⅞	73¼
Delta Air Lines	54½	54¼
Deluxe Corp	33⅞	33¾
Detroit Edison	29⅝	30
Digital Equip	34½	34¼
Dillard Dept St	36¾	35¾
Disney (Walt)	43⅞	43¾
Dominion Res	45⅝	45
Donelley (RR)	30⅝	30⅜
Dover Corp	58⅛	58⅛
Dow Chemical	57¾	58⅛
Dow Jones	35⅝	35⅝
Dresser	21⅜	20⅝
Duke Power	57⅜	58¼
Dun & Bradstreet	61⅝	61½
Du Pont	50	49⅝
Eastman Kodak	46⅞	50⅝
Echo Corp	51	51¼
Emerson Elec	59⅜	60
Engelhard Corp	25¾	25
Enron Corp	37¾	38¾
Entergy Corp	35	35
Ethyl Corp	17⅜	17⅜
Exxon	64⅛	63⅞
FMC Corp	67⅜	67⅜
FPL Group	30⅜	30⅝
Federal Express	66½	66¾
Fed Nat Mtge	78⅛	78
First Chicago	43	43⅜
First Fidelity	23¾	23¾
First Union Rlty	10⅞	9⅞
Fleet Fncl Grp	33¼	32¾
Fluor Corp	40¼	40¼
Ford Motor	44	43⅞
GTE Corp	36¾	36⅝
Gannett	56⅝	56¼
Gap Inc Del	39⅞	39⅝
Gen Dynamics	60⅜	60¾
Gen Electric	103⅝	104
Gen Mills	61½	61⅝
Gen Motors	56¼	55⅝
Gen Reinsurance	106½	105¾
Gen Signal	34⅜	34½
Genuine Parts	37⅞	37¾
Georgia-Pac	68⅝	68⅝
Gillette	99⅜	99
Glaxo ADR	21¼	21¼
Goodrich (BF)	39⅜	40¼
Goodyear Tire	44	44¼
Grace (WR)	40¾	41¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	26⅛
Grnt Wstn Fin	20¾	20¾
Halliburton	32⅜	31¾
Harcourt General	35⅞	35⅝
Heinz (HJ)	39½	39
Hercules	111¾	110¾
Hershey Foods	48⅝	48⅝
Hewlett-Packard	78⅛	77⅞
Hilton Hotels	59⅜	59⅜
Home Depot	38¾	38⅜
Homestake Mng	24	23¾
Honeywell	32⅜	33⅜
Household Intl	32	31¾
Houston Inds	48⅜	48¾
Humana	17⅞	17⅝
ITT Corp	99⅜	97⅞
Illinois Tool	38⅝	38⅝
INCO	20½	20½
Ingersoll Rand	38⅜	38¾
Inland Steel	34¾	34
Intel Corp	62½	61½
IBM	58⅛	57⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	112⅞	111⅞
Intl Paper	97	98
Jones Knwl Va	19⅝	19¾
Jusco & Jusco	45	45¼
K Mart	21¾	21¾
Kellogg	58⅛	59¼
Kerr-McGee	45⅝	45¾
Kimberly-Clark	52¾	51¾
Knight-Ridder	50⅝	49⅞
Kroger	59½	59⅝
Lilly (Eli)	67⅞	67⅞
Limited Inc	17¾	17¾
LTV Recycling	110	110¾
Lincoln Nat	44	44¾
Litton	64⅝	64⅞
Liz Claiborne	22¾	22¾
Lockheed Corp	65¾	67¾
Louisiana Pac	43¾	40¾
MCI Commun	27⅜	28⅜
Manitou Inc	28⅜	28⅜
Manh & Reclam	83	81½
Masco Corp	37¾	36¾
May Dept St	39⅝	39¾
Mayne Corp	18⅝	18½
McCord Cblnder	44¾	44¾
McDonnell D	105	104½
McGraw Hill	67¾	67¾
Mead Corp	44½	45
Medtronic	67¾	68¼
Mellon Bk	53	53¾
Melville Corp	38⅝	40⅜
Merck Inc	35⅝	35⅝
Merrill Lynch	45¾	39¾
Minnesota Mine	100¾	100¾
Mobil Corp	80⅛	79⅝
Monsanto	72¾	73½
Morgan (JP)	66½	66¾
Motorola Inc	88⅛	88⅜
Nat'l Medical	17⅜	17⅜
Nall Semi	16½	15⅞
Nall Service Ind	25	25⅛
Nalsbar Inc	23¾	23¾
NBD Bancorp	30⅜	30¾
NY Times A	25¾	25½
Newmont Mng	39½	39½
Nipg Mobsek	20	20⅛
Nike B	48⅜	46¾
NL Industries	4¾	4¾
Nordstrom	32¾	32
Norfolk Sthrn	69½	69½
Nthn Stats Pwr	43¾	43¾
Norwest Corp	23¾	23¾
Nynex Corp	40	39⅞
Occidental Pet	17½	17½
Ohio Edison	22¾	22¾
Oracle Systems	30	28½
Orylx Energy Co	17⅝	17⅝
Owens-Corning	44	43⅞
PNC Financial	28	28
PPG Industries	74½	75
Pacific Inc	52½	50
Pacificorp	19¾	19⅝
Pac Enterprises	32¾	32¾
Pac Gas & Elec	34½	34½
Pac Telesis	53	53¾
Paii Corp	18	17⅞
Panhandle East	22¾	22¾
Parametric Comm	78	78½
Parker Hannifin	37½	33¾
Penney (JC)	52	51¾
Pennzoil	53½	53
Pepsico	40¾	40¾
Pfizer	67½	68
Phelps Dodge	48⅝	48⅞
Philadel Elec	28¾	28¾
Phillip Morris	57½	57½
Phillips Pet	28¾	28¾
Pitney Bowes	41½	41½
Polaroid	34⅜	34⅜
PriceCosco	19	19⅝
Procter & Gambl	89¾	89½
Pub Serv E & G	31½	31½
Quaker Oats	70¾	71¼
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raytheon Corp	37	36¾
Raytheon	64	64⅜
Reebok Intl	29¾	29¾
Reynolds Metals	47¾	47
Rockwell Cmcl	69⅞	69⅞
Rockwell Intl	35¾	35¾
Rohm & Hass	57½	57⅝
Royal Dutch	104½	104
Rubbermaid	32	32
Ryder Corp	35⅜	35⅜
St Paul's Cos	88¾	89¾
Salomon Inc	46	46¼
Sara, Pk Pac	22¾	22¾
Sara Lee Corp	24½	24¾
Scecorp	20¾	20⅝
Schering Plough	68½	68¾
Schlumberger	59¾	58¾
Scott Paper	40¾	40¾
Seagram	52¾	52¾
Sears Roebuck	52¾	51¾
Shell Trans	64¾	64
Sherwin Wllms	28	28⅜
Skyline Corp	20⅜	21¼
Slmp-Om-Tools	39¾	37¾
Southern Co	43¾	43¾
Sthwestern Bell	40¾	41¼
Sprint Corp	33½	34¾
Stanley Works	45¾	45¾
Sun Company	31	30
Sun Microsys	28¾	28¾
Sunstrand	45⅝	45⅝
Supervalu	36¾	37¼
Symtex Corp	16¾	16¾
Synco Corp	28¾	28¾
Texy Inc	69⅝	70
Tandem Comp	11½	11¾
Tandy Corp	47¾	49
Tektronix Corp	21	21
Teledyne	29¾	29¾
Temple Inland	49	48¾
Tenneco	52¾	52¾
Texaco	65¾	65¾
Texas Inst	65⅞	62⅜
Texas Utilities	42¾	42¾
Textron	57¾	57¾
Thos Betts	44¾	44¾
Times-Mirror	33½	33¾
Timken	33½	33¾
Torchmark	46¾	45
Toys R Us	38¾	40
Transamerica	36¾	39
Travelers	30¾	31¾
Tribune	60	60¾
Tyco Labs	50¾	50¾
UAL Corp	143	144½
UST Inc	28	28¾
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unilever NV	115½	116
Union Camp	46¾	46
Union Carbide	22¾	22¾
Union Pacific	62¾	62¾
Unisys Corp	12¾	12¾
USAIR Group	13¾	13
USFBG Corp	14½	14¾
US Life	17⅜	17⅜
US West	45¾	45¾
United Tech	60¾	60
Unocal Corp	27¾	28¼
Upjohn	29¾	29
VF Corp	45¾	45¾
WMX Tech	27¾	26¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	67¾	67¾
Wells Fargo	130	129¾
Westinghouse El	14	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	44¾	44
Whirlpool	64¾	65¾
Whittman	16	16¼
Wlmt Dlode	53¾	53¾
Woolworth	25¾	26
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45	45¾
Xerox	88¾	88¾

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	3,400	Cadbury	406	MEPC	192	Scot Power	317
Abbey Natl	1,200	Caradon	1,100	Marks Spr	1,800	Sears	563
Alld-Lyons	735	Carlton Cms	320	NFC	1,300	Svrn Trent	129
Anglian W	52	Coats Vy	1,500	NatWst Bk	1,000	Shell Trans	697
Argyll Gp	839	Cm Union	449	Nat Power	801	Slebe	366
Arjo Wiggn	226	Courtaulds	406	Nth Wst W	138	SmKl Bch	1,000
AB Foods	118	Enterpr Oil	503	Nthrn Fds	538	Smith Nph	354
BAA	322	Forte	607	P & O	451	Southern Elec	111
BAT Inds	1,400	GRE	1,200	Pearson	329	Sld Chartd	256
BOC	534	GUS	1,100	PowerGen	253	Sun Alince	103
BP	2,300	Gen Acc	237	Prudential	1,200	TI Gp	83
BT	3,300	Gen Elec	1,700	RMC	303	TSB	1,700
BTR	2,500	Glaxo	1,400	RTZ	583	Tesco	1,200
Bk of Scot	647	Granada	338	Rank Org	500	Thames W	225
Barclays	1,100	Grand Met	1,200	Reckitt Col	204	Thrn EMI	720
Bass	487	Guinness	771	Redland	437	Tomkins	2,200
Blue Circle	219	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	817	Unilever	465
Boots	482	Harrson	3,800	Rentokil	257	Utd Biscs	265
Bowater	446	ICI	509	Reuters	577	Vodafone	1,900
Brit Aero	785	Inchcape	387	Rolls Royce	275	Warburg (SG)	163
Brit Airways	1,200	Kingfisher	570	Ryl Ins	813	Wellcome	401
Brit Gas	1,500	Ladbroke	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	323	Whitbd 'A'	142
Brit Steel	3,200	Land Secs	295	Sainsbury	583	Wilms Hld	728
Burmah Cast	159	Legal & Gn	521	Schroders	10	Wolseley	195
Cable Wire	2,900	Lloyds Bk	933	Scot & New	247	Zeneca	540

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3765.61 (+9.01)
S&P Composite 466.07 (+0.63)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge 17369.74 (-47.50)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 12201.09 (+114.60)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency n/a

Sydney: AO 2174.3 (+0.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2253.58 (-14.40)

FT 30 share: 2552.2 (+7.6)

Brussels:
General 7573.94 (+9.28)

Paris: CAC-40 2274.34 (-16.22)

Zurich: SKA Gen 708.50 (+0.70)

London:
FT A All-Share 1679.71 (-2.46)
FT Non Financials 1781.83 (-1.19)
FT Gold Mines 277.9 (+20.2)
FT Fixed Interest 131.68 (-0.35)
FT Govt Secs 106.91 (-0.69)
Bargains 4387e
SEAQ Volume 1066.4m
USM (Datastrm) 154.96 (+0.72)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 20	January 7	March 24	April 5

Call options were taken out on 4/1/94: Arcon Intl, Babcock Intl, Euromunnel, Milligate, M/M Hldgs, Renison Gold, Redimc, Sleepy Kids, Surer, Triplex Lloyd, Virtuality, Waterford, Waverley Mining.
Puts: Jardine Matheson, Milligate. **Put & Call:** Waverley Mining.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3129.0	3131.0	3086.0	3120.0	11839
Previous open interest: 68183	Jun 94	3131.0	3131.0	3122.0	3131.0	3
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.80	94.83	94.75	94.75	2330
Previous open interest: 377316	Jun 94	95.02	95.03	91.92	91.91	11117
	Sep 94	95.09	95.09	95.02	95.02	6116
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.15	96.16	96.13	96.16	259
Previous open interest: 8213	Jun 94	96.08	96.09	96.07	96.10	16
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	91.57	91.58	91.51	91.52	39912
Previous open interest: 727155	Jun 94	95.11	95.13	95.03	95.01	39131
Long Gilt	Mar 94	119-31	120-04	119-02	119-12	62585
Previous open interest: 101137	Jun 94	119-00	119-00	119-00	118-20	1
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	116.98				0
	Jun 94					
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	101.48	101.48	100.91	100.96	106940
Previous open interest: 1321114	Jun 94	101.33	101.33	100.89	100.91	111
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.63	103.63	103.39	103.11	887
Previous open interest: 12011	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.37	94.37	94.26	94.28	462
Previous open interest: 31707	Jun 94	91.88	91.88	91.77	91.78	619
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.28	96.27	96.20	96.25	4920
Previous open interest: 51579	Jun 94	96.68	96.66	96.50	96.66	666
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	118.80	118.80	117.85	117.99	35326
Previous open interest: 79167	Jun 94	118.76	118.76	118.00	118.01	32

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	650	31	52	60½	6¼	20½	34
(*673)	700	6¼	27	35½	33¾	46	61½
Argyll	280	11	23	28½	8½	17	25
(*283½)	300	4	14	19½	21¼	29	37
ASDA	90	8½	13	13	3	3	4½
(*97½)	100	2	5	7¼	5	7½	9
Boots	550	46	60	69½	2	9¾	19¼
(*591½)	600	10½	28½	34	17½	30	41½
Br Airways	420	42	54½	62½	2½	11½	19
(*458½)	460	12¼	30	39	15	25¾	36
BP	330	28¼	34½	41	3¾	8	13½
(*352½)	360	6	17½	25	14	21	

Playing politics while EMU flies on a wing and a prayer

The fate of European monetary union is as uncertain as the political futures of its architects, Kohl and Mitterrand, writes Janet Bush



The political, rather than economic, views of François Mitterrand and Helmut Kohl will decide the EU's fate

Stage Two of the path towards European Monetary Union enshrined in the Maastricht Treaty officially began at midnight on Friday. But when champagne glasses were raised to the new year and a new era all over continental Europe (followed, rather symbolically, an hour later by Britain) nobody had any idea what exactly they were toasting.

Stage Two was conceptually vague, even before the convulsions in the exchange-rate mechanism threw European policy into disarray. According to the Maastricht Treaty, now less a monument to European unity than an embarrassing white elephant, Stage Two was the period in which currencies would fluctuate ever more narrowly around immovable central parities, economies would converge on the various criteria of economic performance set out in the Treaty and limits on budget deficits would be met.

A prototype for the new European Central Bank would prepare to emerge from its chrysalis, a butterfly on the glorious first day of Stage Three in 1997 or 1999 — a big bang that would create EMU and a single currency (probably without Britain, which has an opt-out). But, despite the fact that Maastricht was reluctantly endorsed by those electorates allowed to vote on the issue and painfully ratified by all 12 members of the European Union, it is not certain that any of the treaty will happen in the way envisaged.

Since Europe's leaders abandoned narrow bands in the ERM on August 1 — under pressure from the powerful rational forces of currency markets, which held that high interest rates and even higher unemployment were mutually exclusive — only one new EMU building block has been put in place.

At midnight on Friday, the European Monetary Institute, the embryonic European Central Bank, was born. But, apart from its inevitable location in Frankfurt, nothing about this institution is clear. As David Currie and John Whitley, of the London Business School, put it: "This will be an institution in search of a role."

All the rest, including the 1997 or 1999 timetable, convergence criteria and currency arrangements, are up in the air. There is no sign of agreement, political or economic, about what Stage Two should constitute and whether Stage Three is alive or dead.

Of course, there are still the rhetorical diehards of Brussels who continue to insist that the effective suspension of the ERM and destruction of all the credibility that had been invested in the system have changed nothing. André Louw, of the European Commission, told a pre-Christmas gathering of academic economists — belonging to the Money Macro and Finance Research Group under the auspices of the London Business School — that Maastricht had been passed and that discussion was finished.

He said the treaty did not allow the EMU calendar to be extended, convergence criteria to be loosened or a minority of EC members to form a mini-EMU, so all these options were "out". The wide 15 per cent fluctuation bands agreed on August 1 were both temporary and unsatisfactory and there should be an agreement before the end of 1994 to observe the "normal" fluctuation limits talked about in the treaty. Without narrow bands, he said, the single European market could not function. This is the party line but, behind closed doors all over Europe, there is a realisation that the world has changed, even if Brussels apparatchiks have not. The immediate challenge is what to do with the ERM, and the debate is ideological, with free-floaters pitched against peggers and lobbyists for a single currency. On one side is a belief that the exchange rate is a key tool of national economic policy and that a free, integrated European trading bloc can function without giving up this economic lever. On the other are those who believe that national government control over exchange rates will lead to begger-thy-neighbour devaluations and make the single market unworkable.

The latter, represented by the European Commission, is determined to return to something like the old ERM as a precursor to the single currency. After the débâcle of last autumn, there is at least much debate about how to strengthen the system, including a tax on foreign exchange transactions (opposed almost universally by European politicians) and a more collective use of central bank reserves to defend the system from the currency markets. These technical niceties will feature heavily in the debate in the months to come.

But there is a growing chorus of voices that believes that narrow bands are no longer workable and that the path to EMU does not lie in a semi-fixed currency system at all. This group includes both the London Business School and the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, both fans of Britain's membership of the old ERM at the time. In a December paper, NIESR said that Britain's experience of ERM membership implied that "the ERM must either move a long way towards free floating or else change into a monetary union".

The LBS said in another paper that the events of the past year "may have forced the Maastricht process away from an over-reliance on a fragile exchange rate arrangement to a more stable and viable path towards EMU". It favours closer monetary co-operation, coordinated by the EMI and based on monetary, inflation and nominal income targets.

Europe should coordinate "outcomes" such as convergence on low and stable inflation, rather than policies themselves. Such questions — which revolve around alternative, less rigid and vulnerable focal points than the ERM to force European countries to converge into a homogeneous bunch ready for monetary union — will also form part of the mainstream debate in Europe. But all this may still be rearranging deckchairs on the Titanic.

Many leading economists believe that EMU is neither workable nor necessarily desirable. David Vines, of Balliol College, Oxford, and a research fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, listed six reasons usually put forward in favour of EMU. He says EMU is a technical sideshow compared with the more important task of integrating eastern Europe into a wider economic bloc. Given this, minimising the flexibility of fiscal and monetary policy under Maastricht would be "risk-loving in a spectacular way".

If a combination of German unification and European recession was enough to destroy more than a decade's worth of credibility in the ERM, just think what other shocks may be in store. Financial deregulation in continental Europe could wreak as much havoc with monetary control as it did in Britain in the 1980s.

Who knows how the Eastern bloc will develop, who could have foretold the electoral triumph in Russia of Vladimir Zhirinovsky? And, nearer to the heart of Europe, what fate for the key architects of the European Union? Will Helmut Kohl survive German elections this year and François Mitterrand French presidential elections in 1995? The truth is that the dream of a united Europe has always had a great deal more to do with politics than economics, and this is what will finally decide the fate of the Maastricht Treaty and Stages Two and Three. The bottom line, as Professor Jacques Mélitz, of INSEE in Paris argues, is that Germany sees monetary union, which it has no interest in, as a *quid pro quo* for political aims such as common defence and foreign policies.

As the Maastricht timetable for EMU comes closer, the treaty will simply be used by Germany as a lever to get the best deal on political union. As the politics between the old enemies and allies plays out, the fate of EMU is anybody's guess.

TEMPUS

Utility index

WERE the FT-SE 100 a Japanese market indicator it would have risen on its tenth anniversary, but British market-makers, not known for their sentimentality, sold on a combination of profit-taking and anxiety over US interest rates. The attention given to the performance of the FT-SE has increased almost at the same rate as the index itself and the worthies of the FT-SE steering committee can feel some satisfaction that it has more than achieved its objective of establishing a benchmark for options and futures contracts.

Today's index constituents give a good rough-and-ready guide to UK plc and go some way to explaining the FT-SE's preoccupation with interest rates and its willingness to disregard lacklustre growth in corporate earnings. In 1984, the index contained a good smattering of industrial companies with UK manufacturing bases but takeovers, collapses and corporate slimming have taken their toll.

Ten years on, privatisation has swamped the index with utilities: companies with little potential for high earnings growth, but offering the compensation of a safe dividend. British Gas and BAA were sold on the promise of monopolistic but regulated income, an advantage the latter still enjoys. Water and electricity stocks added ten new members to the FT-SE and headaches for analysts seeking to differentiate the companies on grounds other than gross dividend yield.

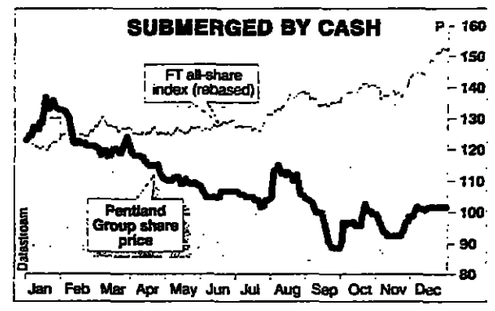
The two hard-core manufacturers in the FT-SE top ten were there ten years ago, but both Hanson and BTR could make some claim to be US companies, which leaves the scene dominated by banks, oil companies, drugs, insurance and Marks & Spencer: plus ça change.

Pentland Group

THE rationale for holding Pentland shares for most of last year was the hope that Stephen Rubin could pull off another deal like its investment in Reebok, the sale of which accounts for its cash holdings of £250 million. There are few other reasons why an investor should pay over £1 for shares which are expected to return less than 5p of earnings in 1993.

Pentland's latest deal provides some reassurance that the company can still find decent brands at sensible prices. Ellesse is mainly an upmarket Italian skiwear manufacturer earning just under £2 million per annum with a good brand image on the Continent but which has lost its momentum. In buying the assets, Pentland hopes it can brush up the distribution side of the Italian group while improving Pentland's own presence on the Continent where it would like to sell more of its own brands which include Speedo and Berghaus. The deal also takes Pentland into high fashion sportswear from its current focus on hi-tech.

But Ellesse does not solve Pentland's main headache which is improving the return on capital, currently depressed by its cash mountain. Good rather than expensive deals which employ a large chunk of the spare resources are unlikely to be found quickly, and in turning down Adidas, the company has shown it will wait rather than risk paying too much. Potential investors may take the same view of the shares.



Property shares

PROPERTY shares had such a good ride in 1993 that it would be greedy to expect more outperformance in the current year. Leading shares have almost doubled over the twelve months thanks to the steady fall in the cost of money and a perception that discounts to net asset values had widened too far.

Today, the tables have been turned: premiums rather than discounts are the measure of performance and the sector as a whole is valued some 20 per cent higher than current estimates of its net worth. Falling gilt yields drove investors back into the direct property market at the same time as funds rebuilt their weightings in property shares. The rush to invest has driven yields down quickly from double digits to 7 per cent and a further fall in long gilt yields to below 6 per cent could send property shares to new peaks.

Evidence of the rise in values has yet to be seen in company balance sheets but corporate treasurers are still planning equity fundraisings this year, tempted by the high ratings of their shares. Disappointment from a leading company in the spring reporting season and dim prospects for rental growth could send the sector into reverse. Investors should be wary of further cash calls to fund property acquisitions. Smaller companies that can comfortably manage a high level of borrowings will prove to be a better bet in 1994.

Williams

THE anti-conglomerate brigade had a field day when Williams announced its conversion to their cause last year, selling off a collection of engineering businesses on a lowly 12 times earnings. Reassuring then, to see the reinvented building products, security and fire protection group paying a sensible price for a locks business which fits neatly into the declared strategy of seeking market leadership.

Corbin & Russwin has about 10 per cent of the market and combined with Williams' Yale operations should put the group in second position after Ingersoll Rand. The deal gives William's further exposure to the recovery in the building sector in the United States and if the business can make $6-7 million of profit excluding one-off provisions, the deal should not dilute earnings.

Guardian Group

GUARDIAN Group, the West Sussex building and environmental company, has the ignominy of being the first share of the New Year to be suspended.

The coded message suggests hiccups in Guardian's plan announced last October to raise fresh capital.

Guardian was already nursing a pre-tax loss of £420,000 for the seven months ended June 30, 1992, and has continued to survive thanks to the support given by Guardian Foundations, its main shareholder, behind which is John Broad, chairman.

To add to investors' woes, it emerged yesterday that Raphael Zorn Hemsley, the company's broker, resigned "some months ago", leaving Guardian Group sponsorless and brokerless.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Charity formality

From Mr Brian Whittingham

Sir, Charities seek to contain administration costs in order to maximise income for beneficiaries. However, standard practice is to secure a witnessed covenant and banker's order first, and subsequently to seek the covenanter's undertaking to satisfy the Inland Revenue. Why cannot the initial form be designed to satisfy tax requirements?

Also, for a deposited covenant (whereby a lump sum is given to the charity as a loan from which annual instalments are to be taken), the basic commitment requires the usual single signature of a witness; but the concomitant declaration that the loan is interest-free and will not be recalled in the event of the donor's death purports to require two witnesses. If this anomaly derives from some old statute, much inconvenience could be avoided by a change in the law, with probable advantage to the charities.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN WHITTINGHAM,
8 Allcard Close,
Horsham, West Sussex.

Slicing Ernie's cake

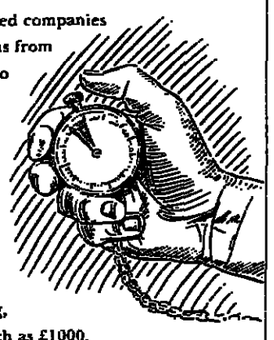
From Mr G.J. Bailey

Sir, Raising the monthly prize to £1 million will not induce people to buy premium bonds. More smaller prizes, that one could reasonably expect to win, would attract investors who do not want to risk their capital.

Winning at long odds would be just as illusory as winning the pools and lead to as much frustration. Ernie is a safe, long-term gamble: the national lottery a short flutter.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD BAILEY,
102 Kingsway,
Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

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Directors of private limited companies normally have ten months from their financial year end to deliver their Annual Accounts to Companies House – and avoid a late filing penalty. (Public limited companies have only seven months). Just one day late and your company will be penalised. Delay too long, and the penalty is as much as £1000.

If your financial year ended on 31 March 1993 – you must deliver your Annual Accounts to us this month.

Remember, every Director is personally responsible for ensuring the company Accounts are delivered to us on time. Not just the Finance Director or your accountant. So don't wait until it's too late. Send us your Accounts while there's still time in hand.

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FINANCIAL YEAR END (PRIVATE LTD)	31 Mar. 1993	30 Apr. 1993
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sport of kings for Ho Chi Minh

WE MAY have trouble getting the world's greatest steeplechase under way, but British expertise in the sport of kings is still keenly sought. International Racecourse Management (IRM), of Doncaster, has landed a job helping the communist government in Vietnam to re-establish racing in Ho Chi Minh city, the Saigon of old. The dream is to use a rundown racecourse, built by the French 60 years ago, as a base from which to rival Hong Kong as the racing capital of Southeast Asia. John Sanderson, IRM's chief executive, has just returned from Vietnam after delivering three thoroughbreds, donated by Prince Khalid Abdulla and Robert Sangster to help re-establish thoroughbred racing there. "There's no financial infrastructure at the moment," says Sanderson. "We've told the government that if you have horse racing you have betting, and it's better they organise a Tote than let it go underground and provide revenue for a criminal element. They've accepted that." Ambitious as the scheme is, the Vietnamese might pull it off.

Forced feeding

FIRST-CLASS travellers of Air Canada will have to do without their pâté de foie gras, which the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have succeeded in getting dropped from the carrier's in-flight menu. The Washington-based animal rights group, which has been supported in its fight against pâté by our own thespian, Sir John Gielgud, objected to the force-feeding process by which the delicacy is made. Air passengers must now ask themselves if this is just the thin end of the wedge. What's going to disappear from your meal tray next time you fly? British Airways assured me that it is not letting ethical pressures dictate its fare, but it's "all good healthy stuff".

Flying the haggis

SIR Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, played the amiable host yesterday as journalists turned up at Langan's Brasserie in Mayfair for BA's annual new year's party for the press. Dodging jibes about "airline food", Sir Colin managed to keep smiling when a Scottish piper, summoned to "pipe in the haggis", failed to appear. After an awkward silence and some tentative squeaks from the next room, the haggis was duly piped in — although the choice of repertoire caused some surprise: Oh! Susanna, Swanee River, and other well-known Scottish ditties. Robert Ayling, BA's youthful chief executive, later explained that the tradition of a press lunch had been inherited from British Caledonian, which was bought by BA for £237 million in 1987. It was, he added, "probably the only good thing to come out of the deal".



"It has not done much for mine"

Famous feat

WHAT do the British ambassador to France, the French prime minister, and the president of France have in common? To a greater or lesser extent, they are all shod by Church and Company, the thoroughly British shoemaker, based in Northampton. President Mitterrand is reputed to warm his feet in a pair of Church's slippers, made in black velvet and embroidered with the French socialist emblem of a red rose. Edouard Balladur, not known for his snappy dress-sense, regularly sports a £205 pair of Church's shoes, and Sir Christopher Mallaby, our man in Paris, swears by the brand. It will be no surprise that Church's has just opened its tenth shop in France ... a stone's throw from the Paris bourse.

The other car's a ...

LOYALTY is a strong theme of the new advertisements for Barclaycard's Profile points scheme, which now knocks £1,800 off a new Ford car if you spend a mere £36,000 within three years on the card. But Ian McAllister, Ford chairman, seemed a little less than full-hearted when asked to explain why there would not be a gold version of the Ford logoed Barclaycard, just launched: "We think gold card users will be driving BMWs instead of Fords," he confided. Recovering quickly as hacks registered astonishment: "But the wife might want a Fiesta."

JON ASHWORTH

Rally at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 4. Dealings end January 14. §Contango day January 17. Settlement day January 24. ‡Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
324	245	Abbey Nat	309	– 3	11.8	3.9	19.6
205	170	Allied Irish	205	– 2		3.7	15.1
225½	130	Ass New 2	225½	+ 1	...	3.9	–
3400½	3065	Bankamerica	3065	–100	...	...	...
298	177	Bk of Ireland	294	+ 3	...	4.2	21.7
375	325	Bk Ireland UK	375	...	17.0	5.1	...
259	196	Bank Scotland	220	– 5	4.6	2.1	29.4
862	562	Barclays	834	– 2	...	2.5	...
28	15½	Carlisle	26½	...	...	...	...
604	395	Cater Allen	608 †	– 3	28.0	5.8	...
171	85	Cattles	171	...	...	3.3	22.8
2685½	1534½	Charr Mann	1534½	–271½	...	...	...
3600	3475	Close'ys	3475	–25	...	...	...
400	260	Close Bros	400	+ 3	...	2.8	18.1
£155	£154½	Commerzbk	£154½	+203½	...	2.6	...
1534½	1041	Del Intl Ken †	1045½	+ 5½	...	0.5	59.1
£348½	£344½	Deutsche Bk	£346½	–75	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	50	...	...	1.0	...
1681	876	Fuji Bank ¥	1163½	–25½	...	0.5	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	468	...	21.5	5.7	12.4
977	490	HSBC	972	– 2	20.0	2.6	15.3
995	674	HSBC HK	995	– 6	20.0	2.5	23.6
401	243	Hambros	401	– 2	14.3	4.9	18.1
328	313	Joseph (L)	319 †	...	10.7	5.0	...
195	96	King Shaxson	134 †	...	9.0	8.4	...
399	312	Kleinwort Ben	380	...	16.7	3.6	20.2
690	482	Lloyds	658	– 1	19.1	3.6	18.8
118	43	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
575	570	Nat Asst Bk	570 †	...	...	3.8	...
634	395	Nat West	611	– 9	17.6	3.0	17.1
460	370	Provident	453	– 1	12.4	3.4	19.6
98	45	Pri Mortgage	98	+ 3	8.5	11.1	65.9
470	307	Royal Bk Scot	454 †	– 2	...	3.0	20.5
1366	667	Schroders	1363	– 5	...	1.1	27.2
1261	576	Stand Chart	1227	–15	20.5	2.1	...
380	145	TSB	259	– 3	6.4	3.3	...
190	79	Union Disc	167	...	...	...	...
948	529	Warburg SG	908	–25	...	2.7	13.3
8831½	5762½	Wells Fargo	8762½	–62½	...	...	...
214	121	Westpac	211 †	...	...	...	...
325	198	Wmstar	315	...	9.3	3.7	23.2

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
693	517	Allied-Lyons	673 †	– 7	...	4.0	18.7
647	441	Bass	641 †	+ 5	...	4.6	14.7
299	189	Boddington	285	...	7.5	5.3	16.8
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	406 †	– 1	...	3.2	16.3
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	139 †	– 1	4.7	3.3	15.0
144	75	Eldridge P 'A's	142 †	+ 1½	...	3.1	∞
709	50	Fosters Brewing	669 †	+ ½	...	2.9	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A's	425 †	– 2½	7.5	3.2	18.2
480	373	Grand Met	475	– 2½	...	3.5	18.2
575	347	Greenalls Grp	471 †	– 3½	...	3.3	16.2
575	505	Greene King	551 †	– 4	...	2.8	15.4
521	268	Guinness	473	– 9½	...	3.2	17.7
281	230	Hardy Hansn	240	+ 1	8.5	4.6	∞
158	105	Heantrirese	110	...	3.0	3.6	34.2
364	257	Highland Dist	350 †	...	...	2.3	17.8
3138	2538	Holt J	3138	+13	42.0	1.7	20.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	75	...	...	...	54.0
323	259	Inverpride Dis	301	...	...	4.0	15.1
186	116	Macallan-Glen	133	...	4.3	4.1	29.0
466	375	Macdn Marn 'A'	390 †	...	...	2.6	19.6
246	164	Mansfield	246 †	...	...	2.0	17.6
259	221	Mason Thrap	225 †	...	...	2.5	15.3
595	397	Matthew Clark	565	...	...	4.0	13.8
210	170	Mrrysewn W	208 †	+ 8	7.0	3.8	20.4
580	455	Morland	513 †	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	...	...
149	145	Regent Inns	210	– 5	...	2.6	22.2
1521	762	SA Breweries	1521½	+21½	...	...	0.3
554	397	Scot & Nwc	532	– 3	...	4.1	16.1
225	159½	Taunton Cider	172 †	...	6.2	4.5	13.5
285	213	Vaux Group	272 †	– 4½	6.5	4.4	...
362	225	Wetherspoon JD	362 †	– 1	...	1.9	28.1
591	435	Whitbread 'A'	581 †	– 1	...	3.9	13.9
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	527 †	...	12.6	3.0	∞
515	475	Young 'A'	485	+ 2	14.7	3.5	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
160	73	Abbey	160	+ 5	...	1.5	26.3
29½	12	Albrighton A	19 †	...	...	0.7	...
160	87	Allen	156 †	– 4	...	4.0	15.4
128	65	Amec	120	+ 2	3.0	3.0	23.5
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
357	150	Ashtead	357	+ 1	...	1.7	35.6
143	101	Ashwoods	135 †	...	...	4.6	...
360	180	BPB Ind	349 †	– 4	...	2.7	41.8
58	37	Baggeridge Brk	47½	+ 1½	3.1	4.2	∞
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	...	0.6	2.9
108	74	Bareom	92 †	+ ½	3.0	4.6	∞
89½	37½	Bardon	47	...	2.0	5.3	23.2
220	94	Barratt Dev	218	+ 4	4.0	2.3	∞
494	305	Bellway	494 †	+ 1	12.0	3.0	∞
47	15	Bellwinch	47	...	...	...	...
533	295½	Berkeley Gp	533 †	+ 2	...	1.5	28.8
118	45	Best Bros	118 †	...	...	2.1	15.2
98	36	Blockleys	94	...	1.0	2.0	70.7
368	189	Blue Circle	357	...	...	4.2	...
285	220	Boot (Henry)	278	...	6.0	2.7	15.0
106	78	Bovston PLC	98	+ 1	4.6	5.9	24.1
137	52	Br Dredging	133	...	5.2	4.9	29.5
86	45	Brn Fittings	78	...	1.7	2.8	...
169	98	Bryant	169	+ 1	...	3.6	34.1
136	53	CALA	136	+ 2	...	2.1	...
366	200	CRH	366	+12	...	2.3	20.1
43	18	Caledonat Rby	38	+ 4	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	39½	+ ½	...	...	...
173	89	Countrywide	172	+ 2	...	3.0	∞
102	36	Crest Nicholson	101	...	...	0.8	...
112	37	Cussins	103	...	...	1.2	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	...	0.3	2.0
285	178	Epwin	275	...	7.0	1.2	33.3
59	32	Erith	58	+ 1	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	440	...	...	2.9	16.5
140	97	Freeman Gps	134	...	...	4.7	21.3
50	38	Galliford	41	...	...	3.0	...
57	32	Gibbs & Dandy	57	...	...	2.9	...
923	695	Gleeson (M)	913 †	...	...	1.7	15.0
142	78	Hewden-Stuart	142 †	+ 3	...	2.9	25.3
31	21	Hewerson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
418	173	Heywd Wtn	418 †	+11	13.0	4.0	...
128	37	Higgs & Hill	128	+ 2	2.5	2.4	...
38	26	How Gp	28	...	...	5.0	...
36	21	Howard Hldgs	26	+ 4½	0.5	2.4	...
89	79	Ibstock Johnsen	85	...	1.0	1.5	...
25	12½	Jarvis	19½	...	...	...	...
316	146	Laing (J)	305	...	4.0	1.7	12.3
127½	103	6.4% Cv Pf	125½	...	...	...	6.5
184	55	Ln Chesterton	124	+ 9	4.5	4.5	46.7
23	10	Lovell (Y)	11½	+ ½	...	...	5.2
396	240	Manders	384	+ 5	9.3	3.0	24.1
192½	93	Marley	189	+ 2	4.2	2.8	35.4
139	91	Marshalls	137 †	...	...	...	...
196	122	Maunders (J)	196	...	...	3.3	18.9
369	98	McAlpine (A)	369	...	...	1.3	43.1
63	23	McCarthy & S	58	...	0.5	1.1	...
549	272	Meyer Int	510 †	+ 5	...	3.5	51.1
167	62	Mowlem (J)	133	– 3	4.0	3.0	...
165	91	NSM	155	+ 5	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ♣	48	...	...	...	0.2
174	106	Newman Tnks	172	+ 1	...	4.9	23.0
313	197	Persimmon	312	...	8.6	3.4	31.8
26	9	Phoenix Timber	9	...	...	...	...
1730	1237½	Pochins	1730	...	29.0	2.1	25.0
198	80	Prosertag	193	– 4	3.4	2.2	...
975	555	RMC Gp	943	+11	...	2.7	35.4
117	75½	Ralme Ind	95½	+ 1½	...	3.9	22.6
36	18	Ramsay	27	...	...	...	...
603	402	Redland	593	+ 8	25.0	5.3	34.5
88	64	Rosko	79	– 1	4.3	6.8	11.6
342	209	Rugby Group	333	– 4	6.4	2.4	25.5
68	23	Syrtid-Rees	58	...	...	0.5	...
163	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162	...	...	2.1	28.2
276	98	Sheffield Int	276	...	...	2.4	61.7
255	82	Sheriff Hldgs♣	253 †	+ 2½	...	1.9	∞
95	66	Shorcon	94	...	...	6.9	21.4
240	196	Smart (J)	228	...	...	4.7	17.2
2½	...	Stanrain	2½	...	...	...	...
181	100	Tarmac	181	+ 8½	5.5	3.8	...
204	131	Tay Homes	202	+ 2	...	3.6	25.0
148	63	Taylor Woodrw	147	+ 2	1.0	0.9	...
63½	42½	Tilbury Douglas	63½	+ 2	33.0	6.5	20.5
36	19	Toree Hldgs	36	...	...	2.8	...
315	166	Travis Perkins	314	...	8.0	3.2	56.3
21	9½	Trenchenwood	16	...	...	...	...
40	25	Try Group	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.9
58	21	Tudor ♣	21	...	...	1.5	...
58	41	Vibroplant	53 †	...	2.5	3.4	33.4
65	30	Ward Hldgs	54	...	...	...	...
36	25	Warehouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Wates Blake	452	...	...	3.3	19.5
23	6½	Wescoe ♣	23	...	...	...	...
200	90	Westbury	200 †	...	5.0	3.1	31.2
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
509	362	Wilson Bowdn	508	...	...	2.2	35.7
234	147	Wilson (C)	230	...	3.9	3.0	30.8
194	104	Wimpey G	186	– 3	...	3.5	...
47	15	YRM	30	+ 2	0.5	2.1	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	665	+12	...	...	...
258	196	Adsun & Harvey	258 †	+ 3	13.0	6.1	4.7
72	56	Air Londons♣	64	...	...	8.5	11.4
56	37	Wardle Storeys	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	132	+ 3	...	5.8	23.7
140	84	BET Ord	132½	+ 1½	...	2.1	9.5
116	41	BMB Fac	115	...	4.9	4.3	12.7
318	183	BPP	250	...	8.3	4.5	12.7
178	159	BSM	163	+ 1	...	4.6	14.3
295	195	Barbour Index	233	...	8.0	4.3	15.9
142	78	Benskins	22 †	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	218	+ 3	4.7	2.7	15.9
26	11	Hewden-Stuart	23	...	...	1.4	18.3
73	48	Brooky Service	58	...	...	1.1	...
73	48	CPP Gp	68	...	...	1.5	17.2
260	139	Capita Group	230	– 8	...	1.2	35.9
57	31	Castes Plc	54 †	– ½	...	2.1	22.8
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	21½	+ 1	...	...	...
36	26	Christie	35	– 1	...	...	...
344	228	Chubb Sec	305 †	+ 2	...	1.2	22.7
116	90	Comas♣	110	...	...	1.7	28.7
42	6½	Corp Services	41	...	...	...	...
91	20	Cottin Craig	84	...	...	...	...
50	30	Dart	165 †	+ 4	3.3	2.5	27.4
255	198	Davis Service	239	...	...	4.2	18.0
134	85	EW Facs♣	119	...	...	4.4	17.6
32	11	Gardiner	25	...	0.4	2.1	17.3
288½	215	Hays	288½	...	...	2.3	25.2
252	174	Hogg Robinsn	255 †	...	...	3.3	18.6
70	34	Holmes Protecm	37	...	...	...	2.3
244½	127	Hunch Whmsp	240½	+ 4	...	1.4	28.5
2175	2109½	ISS A DR†	2109½	–21½	...	1.0	14.6
837	475	Inchcape	562 †	+ 9	...	3.1	18.3
875	669	Johnson Clean	867	...	...	3.7	18.9
15	7½	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	286	+ 3	3.5	1.5	22.3
1187½	1165½	Manpower	1165½	– 3½	...	...	...
69½	40½	Michael Page	69½	...	1.8	3.4	27.8
279	115	Persona♣	115 †	...	...	8.7	4.3
4½	2	Prime Peoples♣	3½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	64	...	...	29.3	3.5
423	332	RCO	370	...	14.1	4.8	12.7
118	86	REA	100	...	2.0	2.5	...
110	43	Read Executive	110	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Secs	105	...	...	5.4	20.5
249	178	Remokal	238	– 3	7.5	1.3	29.7
295	220	Rolfe & Nolan	295 †	...	...	3.2	20.1
399	319	Salvesen (C)	333 †	– 2	...	3.0	22.1
51	2½	Scott Pickford♣	50	...	...	2.0	15.9
10	5	Select Appts♣	9	...	...	...	...
1278	695	Serco Gp	1258	...	15.3	1.3	35.8
332	83	Sherwd Compn	110	...	...	8.0	3.2
130	90	Staticbley	109	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howard	325 †	...	6.6	2.0	17.0
45	25	Wedgwe	27	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wilks Gp	25½	...	...	2.0	17.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	234	+ 2	...	2.3	21.5
1041	615	Amersham	1025 †	...	...	1.7	30.5
7	1½	Anglo Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
£1169	£325	BASF DM	£1164	–59½	...	...	...
321	199	BTP	321 †	+ 2	...	3.7	25.8
£1459	£1041	Bayer DM50	£1453	+ 8½	...	3.7	...
178	108	Blagden	108	...	6.5	7.5	11.6
165	93	Brent Chems	126	...	...	7.5	11.5
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	353	...	...	...	...
29	5	Calnd Gp	9½	...	...	...	16.0
180	126	Canning (W)	158	...	7.2	5.8	18.1
250	217	Cellnch	221	+ 3	...	...	...
608	427	Courtaulds	498 †	+ 1	...	3.0	12.2
347	228	Croda	332	...	...	3.0	19.1
149	103	Doeflex	114	+ 1	4.6	5.8	8.7
234	175	Elis & Everard	234	...	...	3.8	22.4
42½	15½	Euro Colour	36 †	...	0.5	3.1	17.2
398	298	Halstead (J)	349	...	...	2.5	17.3
241	193	Hickson	176	...	...	5.7	16.3
£123½	£450	Hoechst	£120½	–339½	...	3.0	...
259	157	Holliday Chem	157	– 1	...	2.9	14.5
801	608	ICI	786	–12	...	4.4	...
741	576	Laporte	736	– 4	19.9	3.4	20.3
230	181	Leigh	191 †	– 1	...	5.1	16.8
907½	35	MTM	50	...	...	11.2	...
2050	2003½	North. Hydro	2003½	+40½	...	1.4	24.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	96	...	...	5.7	...
205	173	Allders	204	...	...	3.7	15.2
87	42	Amber Day	85	...	1.3	2.6	∞
388	257	Argos Plc	379	– 4	...	2.4	32.3
25	9½	Ashley Group	10½	...	...	2.3	...
178	90	Ashley (Laurt)	81	...	...	0.1	0.2
330	278	Asprey	307 †	...	...	5.2	21.1
195	94	Austin Reed	195	+ 5½	...	1.2	...
158	125	Bearnie Ul 'A'	149	+ 1	...	5.1	15.0
132	94	Bernards	132	– 9	1.0	1.8	...
278	125	Bettorware	143	+ 8	...	1.9	17.1
47	22	Blacks Leis	37 †	...	2.2	7.6	...
228	133	Body Shop	224 †	– 1	...	1.0	28.0
19½	9½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.8	4.2
434	316	Brown (N)	426 †	+ 1	...	2.3	25.0
87½	60½	Burton	70	+ ½	...	3.0	...
195	120	Camon	195	...	...	2.6	27.2
428	295	Church	428	...	12.5	3.7	38.1
183	97	Clarkes Lndn	148	+ 1	4.3	3.7	17.9
280½	212	Coats Viyella	261	+ 3½	...	3.6	36.2
112	78	Colourvision♣	102	+11	5.6	6.9	18.3
181	154	Cray Cassals	160	...	...	3.2	14.8
635	374	Cowes Furnish	590	...	...	0.8	11.1
155	115	Crown Eyeo	155 †	...	...	6.0	10.6
138	139½	Dolr Fergn Inst	136	+ 1	...	2.7	20.0
90	51½	Dewhirst (J)	90	+ 1	0.8	1.0	31.8
393	189	Dixons Grp	387	+ 2	...	2.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	20	...	...	...	...
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	16.0	3.5
244	71	Esser Furn	218	...	...	2.0	34.9
273	203	Etam	245 †	– 1	7.0	3.6	22.5
608	459	Fine Art Dev	579 †	...	13.0	3.1	16.9
70	26	First Earth Tiles	67	...	...	...	...
690	498	Forminster	688 †	+ 2½	14.5	2.7	12.5
180	24	French Conn♣	125	...	...	...	...
74	45	Gens SR	73	...	...	3.6	22.7
91	23	Goldsmiths Gp	89	...	...	0.3	0.4
656	334	GUS	645	– 4	...	2.3	19.8
40	21	Hampden Grps	21	...	...	0.0	10.4
377	30	Hamstone	32	...	...	...	...
37	20	Helene Plc	25	...	2.0	7.7	15.4
99	39	Heritage♣	99	+ 1	...	...	...
407	246	Hornsby	407	...	...	4.0	∞
230	160	Jacques Vert	182	+ 2	...	2.1	13.9
193	63	Kingfisher	193	...	...	1.0	29.5
75	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	76	...	4.0	6.6	15.7
185	495	Liberty	505	...	7.2	1.7	63.0
380	241	Lloyds Chem	361	–11	...	2.2	28.7
168	120	MDT	165	– 2	...	2.8	34.7
460	311	Marks Spencer	451 †	– 2½	...	2.3	23.0
588	445	Mercies (John)	588	...	...	2.3	18.7
253	135	Moss Bros	243	...	5.5	2.3	18.5
138	79½	Next	138 †	+ 4½	3.5	1.8	28.4
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
205	197	Ottakme Ind	312	+ 2	...	4.0	15.1
83	34	Penins	77	+ 2	0.8	3.7	5.6
313	185	QS Hldgs	225	...	5.1	2.9	16.0
17½	8½	Rhino Grps	61	...	...	...	17.6
120	120	Rosebys	189	...	...	3.2	22.7
181	138	Sherwood Gp	148	...	...	2.2	13.3
1315	925	Sears	1255	...	...	3.5	...
411	11	Signes Group	39½	+ 2½	...	...	...
522	400	Smith WH 'A'	517½	+ 9½	...	3.4	17.0
119	83	do- B	118½	...	...	3.0	19.4
20	4½	Specialtyrea♣	14	...	...	...	...
241	176	Stanbridge	241	+ 1½	...	2.6	23.3
191	146	T & S Stores	147	...	6.0	5.1	10.9
162	71	Tic Rack	158	...	1.0	0.8	25.9
244	168	Time Products	244 †	+ 2	7.7	4.0	21.1
128	63	Usher (Frankie	112	...	...	2.0	18.2
346	302	Vendome	335	...	...	2.0	18.0
45	27	Vivas	37	– 1	1.0	3.4	11.5
48	34	Wensums♣	44	...	...	5.5	...
120	76	Wickes	114 †	...	...	0.2	91.8
78	45	Wkl of Leathers♣	54	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	186	+ 1	...	2.9	24.3
4	2½	Aire-vision♣	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	143 †	...	...	4.4	14.4
275	223	Acsle	263 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
162½	38	Acorn Comps♣	73	+ 3	...	...	37.0
485	385	SIP Capital	485	...	5.7	1.5	30.5
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	18.4
50	19½	Alphamerik	37	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	42	+ 2	0.5	1.5	∞
128	61	App Hldgs♣	74	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	13	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	81	...	...	0.4	...
293	224	Beales Hunter	241	– 2	...	4.8	14.9
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	403 †	+ 1	19.2	6.0	12.9
533	408	Blick	475	...	10.2	2.7	∞
1700	925	Barlands♣	1100	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	353	– 1	...	2.4	23.4
498½	376	BT	471½	– 1	...	4.3	18.2
237½	150	BT PIP	214½	– ½	...	4.2	22.4
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13½	– ½	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	65	+ 1	5.7	11.1	10.3
541	334½	Cable Wireless	531 †	– 9	...	1.8	27.8
27½	11½	Chloride	26½	...	...	...	...
229	173	CML Micro♣	220	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comptr People	108	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	161	...	...	1.2	16.5
493	243	Critchley	427 †	...	...	1.4	24.6
554	414	Delta	488	+ 2	...	3.6	20.3
458	295	Dewmans Ele♣	458	+ 5	...	2.7	19.5
620	395	Domino	400	...	7.4	2.3	13.7
74	48	Downing Hlds	74	...	...	4.2	31.7
1220	865	Druck♣	1220	...	10.0	1.0	26.0
528	358	Electrocomponents	523 †	– 3	...	2.3	21.3
710	470	El Desn Ptc	710	...	5.5	1.2	7.0
150	43	Electron House	150	+ 5	2.6	2.2	12.9
30½	10½	Emess	21	...	0.1	0.6	...
235	442	Eurocheron	233	...	0.5	1.6	∞
1950	888	FKI	1950	...	...	2.1	28.3
566	340	Farnell Elect	564	– ½	...	1.5	29.9
91	33	Feedback♣	73 †	...	...	3.4	9.9
18	1	Ferranti	1 ⅜	...	...	...	...
304	101	First Tech	302	+ 1½	...	0.8	55.1
220	91	Forward Gps	231	– 1	...	2.2	16.3
22½	13½	Forward Tech	15	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	335 †	– 6½	10.4	3.9	16.7
199	132	Grasehy	163	...	...	8.4	34.3
14	7½						

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Higher Inc Inc	413.30	439.70	+ 0.10	3.23
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	196.30	207.30	+ 1.10	5.48
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	100.30	106.00	- 0.50	5.48
Nth America	262.10	278.90	+ 2.30	...
Far East	365.80	388.60	+ 3.60	...
Europe	271.60	289.10	+ 3.00	0.60
Brit Enacti	74.78	79.56	+ 0.02	2.26
Brit Friendly Acc	104.90	111.70	+ 0.30	4.10
Brit Friendly Inc	79.66	84.75	+ 0.30	4.09
Global Opps	86.39	91.90	+ 1.62	...
Balanced Acc	85.98	91.50	+ 0.50	2.15
Balanced Inc	85.47	90.92	+ 0.51	2.15

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Helidenhaint Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 323

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	141.60	150.10#	- 1.00	5.33
High Inc Equity	172.10	183.00#	- 2.30	4.30
Worldwide Bond	323.30	289.80	- 1.50	3.62
Capital Growth				
American Growth	305.30	326.50#	- 4.40	.97
Asian Pacific	427.40	454.60	+13.10	.20
Assets & Earnings	268.20	285.30	- 1.20	1.91
Country & Energy	120.60	135.40	+ 0.30	.41
1992 Enterprise	94.17	100.20	- 0.30	1.91
Euro Capital Inc	127.90	136.70	- 0.20	.71
General	299.50	284.30	- 0.50	2.14
Japan	111.80	119.20	- 1.20	...
Mastertrust	143.90	153.90	- 0.90	1.21
UK Growth Dist	132.40	140.80	- 0.50	2.03
US Emerging Cos	134.80	143.40	+ 0.10	...
Income & Growth	406.50	432.40	+ 2.20	1.08
Ethical	73.56	78.25	+ 0.02	2.33
International	117.70	125.20	+ 1.10	.40
Dividend & Growth	63.76	67.82#	- 1.49	4.74
Global Earth & Sec	64.43	68.58	+ 0.05	2.77

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	1640.0	1712.0	...	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 588

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Aberdeen Portfolio	65.49	66.70#	+ 0.21	0.75
Accum Inc & Growth	64.46	68.14	- 0.33	0.65
Cash	50.19	50.19#	+ 0.02	4.79
European	104.62	110.70	+ 0.66	...
European Income	98.80	104.90#	+ 0.59	1.43
Extra Income	55.01	58.16#	+ 0.31	3.92
Far East Emg Ecn	136.70	147.40	+ 5.63	0.44
Fixed Interest	24.79	26.40#	+ 0.06	6.98
Fund Inv Tst	182.00	194.30	+ 0.20	0.87
Japan	178.70	190.80	- 1.00	...
Latin American	74.31	79.03	- 0.62	0.66
Pacific	83.83	89.78	+ 2.82	0.50
Property Share	74.26	79.26#	+ 0.64	1.66
UK Emerging Cos	66.38	69.99#	+ 0.47	1.78
UK Growth	47.02	50.62	- 0.23	1.33
World Growth	80.76	86.21	+ 1.43	0.64
Ethical	69.82	74.54#	+ 0.60	2.38
Aberdeen Gth Inc	56.21	56.21#	- 0.15	7.26

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 698 326

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	96.63	102.80	- 0.50	3.26
UK Equity Growth	67.25	71.50	- 0.38	2.61
European	67.42	71.72	+ 0.48	1.37
Nth American	68.22	72.57	- 0.15	1.01
Far Eastern	69.40	73.83#	+ 0.17	0.27
Money	64.09	68.09#	+ 0.02	4.34
Fixed Interest	74.41	79.16	- 0.25	5.89
Index Linked Gilt	70.58	75.09	- 0.29	1.38

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	71.16	75.71	- 0.28	2.55
British Income	81.04	86.21	- 0.34	3.09
Select Portfolio	86.54	92.06	+ 0.17	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0402 395 858

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	78.81	83.62	- 0.41	1.94
Income Builder Inc	70.70	75.21	- 0.42	2.68

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 384, Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	253.30	270.70	- 0.80	2.79
Capital	432.10	461.50	- 0.30	1.68
Balanced	716.30	765.70#	- 1.20	2.94
Accumulator	1308.0	1398.0	- 5.00	2.75
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.65	54.14	- 0.16	3.05
High Income	446.80	477.30	- 1.60	3.35
Equity Income	269.70	288.20#	- 1.20	3.28
High Yield	275.60	294.60#	- 0.80	3.16
Gov Securities	36.13	38.15	- 0.33	4.80
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	137.30	146.70	+ 0.40	0.32
European Growth	73.55	78.55	+ 0.49	0.42
International	167.30	172.10	+ 0.50	0.34
Japan	185.00	197.40#	- 0.70	0.01
Pacific	458.10	490.70#	+ 8.30	0.11
Secs of America	433.60	461.50#	- 5.50	0.56
Worldw Assec Val	47.52	50.77	+ 0.20	0.16
Specialist Trusts				
Select Value	560.40	599.00#	- 0.80	2.09
Conv & Gilt	51.06	54.58	- 0.08	3.66
Smaller Cos	174.30	186.30#	- 0.40	1.16
2nd Smaller Cos	166.40	177.80	+ 0.50	1.15
Recovery	141.80	154.80	+ 0.30	1.95
Met Min & City	163.50	174.70	+ 3.00	0.72
Oseas Earnings	360.40	385.30#	- 0.10	2.09
Technology	158.70	169.60	- 1.50	0.06
Utd Special Sits	454.90	486.50	- 0.30	1.98

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Conrod Out Pens	108.30	109.30	+ 3.80	1.45
Conrod Pen Pens	67.91	70.35	+ 2.19	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6767

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	76.89	81.79	- 0.64	1.90
International	63.67	67.73	...	0.50

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
Cramond Court, Edinburgh EH5 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	308.00	330.60	- 0.50	...
Bond	130.10	136.90#	- 2.50	5.75
Brit Smlr Cos	98.89	105.20	- 0.20	0.97
Conv & Gen	64.53	68.86#	- 0.16	5.06
Energy	447.30	486.30#	+ 2.20	0.34
Europe	222.90	236.80#	+ 0.30	0.50
Euro Smlr Cos	98.85	102.80	- 0.70	0.94
Income Growth	327.20	381.30#	- 1.20	4.03
Japan	300.50	319.60#	- 0.50	...
Pacific	136.00	144.70#	+ 4.60	0.57
UK Smlr Cos	48.96	52.09	- 0.37	0.91
Japan Fd	689.80	709.60	- 1.00	...
Mngd Fd	183.10	194.30#	- 0.50	2.51

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8615

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Bal & Gener	102.70	318.60	...	1.11
Capital Growth	122.70	128.50	...	2.10
Wwide Opps	206.10	216.90	...	0.44

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BQ 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Inst Inv Fd Inc	367.90	389.30	- 2.40	2.41
European Bd Inc	104.80	105.40	- 0.20	7.05
Energy	80.44	85.80	- 0.43	3.68
Financial	78.34	83.79#	- 0.46	2.05
500.00	460.60	491.30	+ 0.20	2.29
General	286.40	306.30	- 2.10	2.20
Property	345.40	369.50#		5.65
Trustee	194.80	208.40#	- 1.10	1.84
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10#	- 0.10	4.82
Extra Income	121.30	131.90	- 0.40	3.69
Gilt & Fxd Int	64.22	66.38#	- 0.01	7.50
Income	566.30	605.70	- 0.70	3.48
Income Builder	69.60	74.04	- 0.01	4.46
Income Inv	70.77	75.28#	+ 0.47	2.76
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	124.70	133.00	- 1.00	3.26
Leisure	120.70	128.00	- 0.20	1.32
Recovery	422.80	452.10	- 0.20	2.54
Smlr Cos Inc	41.23	43.90	- 0.09	1.99
Special Sits	285.30	305.10	- 0.70	1.80
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	135.10	143.30	- 1.40	0.15
Asstt Acc	257.30	274.00	- 3.90	1.37
Asstt Inc	161.30	171.50#	+ 2.40	1.37
Euro Growth Inc	141.70	150.20	+ 0.90	0.42
Japan & Gen Inc	164.90	174.50	- 2.00	...
Japan Spec Sits	71.20	75.40	- 1.00	...
Under Tech Inc	78.50	83.47	- 0.21	0.59
Worldwide	179.10	190.10#		0.50

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	100.10	106.10#	- 1.10	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	133.40	143.40	- 0.10	...
Cash Trust	50.37	50.37#	+ 0.02	4.90
Convertibles	59.82	63.97#	+ 0.08	5.60
Eastern	143.40	270.10	+11.60	1.50
Equity Income	95.32	101.40	+ 0.13	5.03
European Growth	205.10	213.50	+ 0.80	1.50
Europe	205.10	219.10#	+ 2.30	1.50
German Growth	75.88	80.77	- 0.18	0.70
Global Bond	72.01	76.02	+ 0.10	5.30
Global Growth	132.30	141.40#	+ 0.30	...
Japan Growth	193.40	207.60	+ 0.10	...
Japan Smaller	167.80	179.10	- 0.30	...
Korea Trust	67.87	72.53	+ 0.12	...
Pacific Growth	138.60	148.40	- 0.60	3.20
Portfolio	91.62	97.98	+ 0.26	1.30
UK Growth	94.76	100.80	+ 0.30	1.90
UK Smaller Cos	92.70	100.30	+ 0.20	1.90
Select Managers	78.41	83.83	+ 0.09	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
36-54 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Port Inc	79.48	84.55	+ 1.11	...
Special Oppor Inc	54.66	58.15	+ 0.41	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Gilthspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	177.70	190.10	+ 1.70	0.49
Dividend	86.09	92.07	- 0.48	4.15
Int Gen & Inc	233.50	248.70#	- 4.20	2.64
UK & Gen	47.88	51.21	- 0.15	1.26
Fund of Funds	68.04	72.77	+ 0.16	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	111.18	118.91	- 0.46	1.55
Smaller Cos	100.47	107.45	+ 0.21	1.03
Higher Yield	46.26	49.47#	- 0.17	5.01
American Gth Inc	71.12	76.05	- 0.40	...
European Growth	128.12	137.10	+ 0.57	0.17
Global Bond Inc	31.83	33.77#	- 0.09	4.86
Mngd Profits Inc	43.53	46.55	+ 0.10	1.06

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 488 7236

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	70.44	71.40	...	4.88

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 88, Manchester M60 0AB
061 837 5900

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	152.80	164.30#	...	1.26
Euro Growth	192.60	183.70	- 1.20	1.68
UK Growth	142.70	151.90	- 0.50	3.61
UK Income				

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Hook St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	194.70	206.40	- 1.10	1.75
Can Gen Inc	117.00	124.10	- 0.30	4.30
-do- Income Dist	40.14	44.91	- 0.06	5.56
Gilt & Fxd Int				

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Finsbury Circus, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5943

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	150.50	160.30	- 0.50	...
European Inc	78.58	82.15	+ 0.41	0.53
Far East & Gen	64.24	68.35	- 0.02	...
Smaller Cos (4-7)	78.47	83.48	- 0.28	1.86
Growth	457.90	488.40	- 0.80	1.86
Income & Growth	436.00	463.80	- 4.80	3.21
Master Portfolio	13000	114600	+23.00	1.70
Special Sits	99.06	104.39#	- 0.75	1.60
High Yield	1400.0	1447.0#	- 6.00	3.73

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4977 Dealing: 0800 833 388

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	37.77	40.29	- 0.21	0.91
Cash Income	50.23	50.23#	...	5.39
European Gwth	39.70	42.34	- 0.14	0.85
Income & Gwth Inc	29.36	31.40	- 0.40	3.91
Intnl Gwth	31.90	33.75	- 0.05	0.76
Japan Gwth	34.22	35.98	- 0.24	...
Managed Tst Inc	52.11	55.75	+ 0.09	0.49
Oriental Opps Inc	180.80	193.20	+ 5.90	0.49
Property Shares	43.95	47.00	+ 0.01	1.53
Smaller Cos	31.66	33.85	+ 0.05	1.56
UK Growth Tst	28.61	30.58	- 0.28	2.64
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	74.80	80.00	- 0.57	1.61
Cap Hse UK Inc	71.04	75.97	+ 0.51	2.25
Exempt	21.39	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	36.43	38.26	- 0.12	0.38
European Acc	37.41	39.31	- 0.12	0.38
Financial	158.80	167.00	- 0.20	2.44
Foundation	91.41	97.76	...	2.60
German	52.25	55.90	- 0.15	0.07
High Income	80.77	86.39#	- 1.00	5.91
Income	148.30	158.60	- 0.70	5.67
Intl Growth	38.86	41.56	+ 0.04	0.16
Magd Philo Inc	109.50	117.10	- 0.20	1.57
Magd Philo Acc	209.00	223.50	- 0.50	1.57
Monthly Income	83.57	89.37#	- 0.05	3.60
North American	108.10	116.60#	- 3.20	0.16
Orient	149.40	159.70	- 0.30	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0788

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	84.01	89.86#	- 1.12	2.12
American Portfolio	90.84	96.91#	- 0.69	0.59
European Portfolio	92.61	98.95	- 1.02	1.00
Japanese Portfolio	80.91	84.85	- 1.59	...
Pacific Portfolio	162.95	175.32#	- 2.72	0.65
UK Inc & Growth	76.83	82.19	- 0.17	3.58
Utility & Bond	60.48	61.23	- 0.38	5.91

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
US General Tst	57.68	71.99	- 2.00	2.70
Global Tst	65.10	68.25	- 0.71	0.28
Recovery Tst	71.07	75.60	- 0.36	1.76

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London, EC1R 3AD
071 833 7266

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	149.97	158.33#	...	...
UK Growth	109.87	119.24	...	1.07
UK Income	110.51	120.36#	...	4.04

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5566

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	93.10	98.36	...	1.70
Beck Bio-Tech	40.55	43.14#	...	...
Accm Ethical Tst	154.52	162.65#	...	1.26
City Fin Assets	73.45	77.32	- 0.20	1.59
City Fin Australia	90.56	94.80	...	...
City Fin Intl	37.59	41.67	...	0.48
City Fin Japan	151.31	159.27	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	259.67	265.95#	+4.72	2.21
Friars Hse Inc	210.15	222.38	+ 2.30	4.81
Buckley Wrld Gwth	138.65	147.50	...	0.68
Fairmax Cap Gth	140.68	148.08#	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	117.85	123.96#	...	1.56
Fairmoney Inst	162.23	170.77#	...	...
City Fin Philo Inc	69.39	67.33#	...	2.47

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	38.37	42.63	+ 0.01	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.33	41.22	+ 0.29	0.69
Dragon Growth	88.90	95.08	+ 2.71	0.12
Equity High Inc	87.87	93.29#	- 0.28	3.36
European Gwth	49.82	52.54	+ 0.32	0.68
Exempt Gwth	30.84	32.98	+ 0.13	0.00
General Equity	87.51	92.85	- 0.39	3.05
Gth & Fxd Int Inc	27.81	29.22#	- 0.58	7.86
Japan Growth	42.80	44.30	- 0.32	...
Pedigree Gwth	51.83	54.98	+ 0.04	1.97
Ped Fxd Int Inc	31.86	33.80#	- 0.15	6.82
Retirement Inc	27.80	29.68#	- 0.15	5.00
Special Sits	37.46	40.06	+ 0.04	1.80
UK & Overseas	51.55	54.70	+ 0.40	0.91

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chalfont Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	67.17	71.80	- 0.22	2.67
Income	64.52	68.00	- 0.37	3.61

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9888
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PFT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	172.40	183.40	- 0.31	4.82
Fixed & Convertible	47.66	50.70#	- 0.06	5.60
Monthly Inc Fixed	54.58	57.77	+ 0.04	7.76
Preference Share	52.88	56.25#	- 0.01	6.76
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	137.57	145.67#	- 1.47	5.60
Managed Fund	70.74	75.25	- 0.13	2.66
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.07	44.75	- 0.47	1.83
UK & General	81.29	86.48	- 1.55	2.50
UK Growth	142.71	151.82	- 0.63	1.59
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.01	196.82	+ 1.34	...
Far Eastern Gth	153.78	163.60	+ 2.71	0.26
Global Bond	88.44	93.99	- 0.26	5.69
Japan Growth	103.30	115.21	- 1.48	...
North American Gth	166.58	177.84	- 0.34	...
Oriental Growth	99.10	105.43	+ 2.23	...
Worldwide Growth	83.79	87.86	- 0.93	0.25
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.38	92.38#	+ 0.04	4.71
Homemather Fund	80.20	85.32	- 0.16	1.79
Quilter Fund	148.05	152.18	- 0.54	1.96

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Luton Way, Sevenoaks, Herts SG3 2NN
0438 744 598

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	60.71	64.58	...	2.70
High Income	35.20	37.97	...	4.20
Japan	31.31	33.30	...	...
Smaller Cos Inc	30.15	32.26#	...	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.55	33.57	...	2.40
North American	31.94	33.97	...	0.50
European	36.30	38.61	...	0.60

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	32.51	34.87	...	4.24

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	141.30	150.80	...	1.65
Income	77.63	82.59	- 0.43	4.14
European	50.35	53.14#	+ 0.24	0.77
Recovery	137.00	145.80	- 0.60	1.59

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	865.60	879.90#	...	3.45

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 698 378

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	72.74	77.39	- 0.16	1.62
Income	249.40	265.40	+ 1.10	3.19
Smaller Cos	139.50	148.90	+ 0.60	0.88
Inv Portfolio	80.60	85.81	- 0.15	1.74
High Income Port	70.79	75.31	- 0.65	3.42

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
CIS Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 480 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Anyone fancy an ice cuppa?

America's latest drink sensation is coming to Europe. But there are doubts about whether a drink that is hardly new here will impress the British, says Alan Mitchell



Talk about selling coals to Newcastle — the Americans plan to sell tea to the Brits. Being American, it will, of course, be new and improved — iced, in a resaleable bottle, flavoured, perhaps by real lemon, peach or raspberry.

The driving force behind it, Snapple Beverage Corporation, has taken the US by storm. Set up in 1972 by brothers-in-law Hyman Golden and Leonard Marsh, two window-washing New Yorkers, and Arnold Greenberg, a health-food store proprietor, the company has become a marketing sensation.

Sales of Snapple iced tea, with its 59 flavours, from strawberry lemonade to Mango Madness and Peach, reached $13 million (almost £9 million) in 1988 and last year were $232 million. In 1994, says Carl Gilman, a senior vice president, Snapple will go global. Distribution in Asia, Japan and China will be strengthened. Regional marketers and distributors for Europe, South America and Asia have been appointed. And this year, production will start in Europe.



Snapple comes in 59 flavours, and sales are booming

A low-key British launch has started with some distribution within the London orbital motorway ring, and Mr Gilman is aiming for sales of a million cases by 1995.

The secret of Snapple's success? "People try it and they tell their friends," he says.

Clever marketing has helped. Phone Snapple at its Valley Stream headquarters, any time, day or night, and a 24-hour consumer hotline is ready to answer your questions about the product. "Fanatically loyal" consumers, Mr Gilman claims, send messages such as "I served Snapple instead of champagne at my wedding".

The TV advertising, says John Bond, of Kirshenbaum & Bond, the New York advertising agency that has been pushing Snapple in the US, is "very 1990s.. unslick and unscripted". The cameras just turn up at the door of a hapless fan and ask them to talk about the product.

"It's authentic and low key", says Mr Bond. " — the opposite of Coke and Pepsi. People seem to like that very much."

To overcome British consumer resistance to flavoured cold tea, extensive sampling programmes are under way. "Actual tastings will work a miracle," says Harry Drnec, chief executive of Maison Caurette, the drinks distributor that has set up a company called United Beverage Corporation to market Snapple in the UK. Mr Drnec, who introduced the cult lagers Sol and Miller Genuine Draft to Britain, promises "extensive" advertising that will feature out-of-the-ordinary advertising and publicity ideas.

Mr Drnec insists that iced tea is no fad, and the biggest food and beverage companies of the world agree. Unilever and PepsiCo two years ago formed a joint venture called the Tea Partnership to market ready-to-drink teas, and Nestlé and Coca-Cola followed with Nestea, a joint venture for the same purpose. These multinational giants are spending millions on marketing to try to overtake the minnow Snapple Beverage Corp.

Why? Because they believe that Snapple may have stumbled on the holy grail of soft-drinks marketing — a packaged and mass-distributed, healthy, refreshing beverage that appeals to adults. "There is a huge segment of the soft-drinks market between bottled water, which is good for you but boring, and traditional soft drinks that taste good, but are not good for you," says Mr Bond. "This is all-natural and tastes really good."

For Coke and Pepsi the challenge is crucial as consumers begin to turn away from their mainstay products because they don't like the fizz and want healthy products.

These so-called new age soft drinks are perfectly positioned in another way, too: halfway between the "cheap and cheerful" carbonates in cans and what consumers consider expensive bottled waters.

Proof of the pudding: last year, Lipton, the Pepsi-Unilever brand, saw its iced-tea sales jump by 157 per cent in America. Nestea is up by 171 per cent. That compares to total volume sales growth of just 1 per cent in the entire soft-drinks market. Roy Burry, an analyst at Kidder Peabody, the American brokers, confirms that new-age soft drinks such as ready-to-drink iced teas are winning much of the soft-drinks market.

Now a global David and Goliath battle is in the offing as two giant multinational consortiums rush to corner the market created by three New York entrepreneurs. Encouraged by rapidly growing ready-to-drink iced tea in southern Europe and Asia, Unilever, owner of the Lipton brand, hired JWT, the ad agency, for its push into Europe.

But will it take off here? The UK market is hardly like America's, where tea is something of a novelty and where 80 per cent of tea brewed at home is served on the rocks. But the newfangled teas now being pushed by the most sophisticated marketers in the world are not competing with tea and coffee but with waters and cola drinks.

Mr Drnec claims that sales so far in the London test markets prove that the US success can be repeated. But, he admits, "the tea angle will take a little bit longer here than in the US".

BBC scoops the festive figures

ITV bows to seasonal lack of demand for adverts and fails to put up a fight

ITV might just as well have showed a batch of repeats on Christmas Day. Its top rating programme for the day did not even attract an audience half the size of BBC1's sixth most popular show.

The highest-rating programme on Christmas Day was BBC1's *Only Fools and Horses*, starring David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst, which was watched by 19.6 million people. *Birds of a Feather*, with Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson, came second with 19.4 million viewers, followed by the Whoopi Goldberg and Patrick Swayze film *Ghost*, which attracted 18.5 million. The only ITV programme in the top ten was the film *Field of Dreams*, which starred Kevin Costner.

25 million watched TV on Christmas night

The results reflect the commercial decision by the ITV Network to go for high audiences only at the moments where they are most commercially valuable, notably in the week before Christmas and the last four or so days of December running up to the New Year sales.

The argument that it is simply not worth "wasting" ITV's best programmes on Christmas Day, when most shops and businesses are shut and therefore unable to benefit directly from television advertising, was far more in evidence than in previous years.

Most ITV companies "blame" the new franchise system, which requires them to pay more money to the Treasury for their licences, forcing them to become ruthlessly commercial.

The worry is that with such pitiful competition on Christmas Day, the BBC need not try so hard in future to produce original and imaginative schedules.

However, not all of what might be supposed to be the natural ITV audience automatically switched to BBC1. *Only Fools and Horses* was watched by 500,000 *fewer* people than last Christmas when it was also the most popular programme. The maximum audience for a television programme on British television shows no signs of breaking out of the 20-21.5 million range.

Although ITV did better earlier in the week, thanks largely to *Coronation Street*, BBC1 still managed to capture 42.2 per cent of the audience for the week ending December 26, against ITV's 34.3 — a near reversal of the trend throughout the year. Average weekly viewing for BBC1 was just under 13 hours, compared to ten and a half hours for ITV.

Alan Yentob's much sneered at slip of the tongue that "Christmas is a BBC institution" was not so very wide of the mark. The sedentary nature of Christmas Day in the television age is confirmed by the viewing figures. From 6pm to midnight at least 20 million people were watching television, peaking to more than 25 million at 7pm.

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Top of the Pops (BBC1)	7.9
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Making box-office history

Matt Wolf reports from New York on mixed reactions to Steven Spielberg's cinematic treatment of the Holocaust, *Schindler's List*



Schindler (Liam Neeson) confronts a guard who is trying to keep one of his worker's children at Auschwitz in a scene from Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*

The 1993 cinema year is over, and in America Steven Spielberg reigns supreme. So what else is new, one might ask, mindful of this director's talent for turning out record-grossing films?

But this past year has been different. As if it weren't enough for his *Jurassic Park* to establish itself as the all-time box office champion, Spielberg — at the age of 46 — has done the seemingly impossible: releasing a film that brings together Hollywood and the Holocaust. *Schindler's List* must be the serious film of this or any year.

The initial reaction to last month's US release could not have been more positive. With President Clinton leading the hurrahs and virtually every American critic following suit, *Schindler* is now expected to pick up many of this year's Academy Awards, even if Spielberg himself is likely to lose the Best Director race to Jane Campion (*The Piano*).



Spielberg: *Schindler's List* must be the serious film of this or any year

Kudos aside, the film may even make money. Three hours and 16 minutes in length, *Schindler* is already out-grossing such heavyweight competition as Jonathan Demme's *Philadelphia* (the first Hollywood film about Aids) and Oliver Stone's *Heaven and Earth* (about Vietnam). Budgeted at a moderate (by Hollywood standards) $23 million, the film may ride its critical wave all the way to the magic $100 million barrier. Which would prove that, with Spielberg's Midas touch, even a film about genocide pays.

But no American cultural event — this one included — avoids a backlash, and Spielberg's adaptation of Thomas Keneally's 1982 novel faces its main test now and in the weeks ahead. Amid the enthusiasm, dissenting voices are emerging — but so are the admiring ones of an informed Jewish public whose scepticism, to its surprise, has not been borne out by the finished film.

Far from hailing any Holocaust-themed work, the New York Jewish community can be famously difficult to please. The NBC-TV mini-series *Holocaust*, Costa-Gavras's film *Music Box*, and Joshua Sobol's play *Ghetto* are just three works more harshly received in New York than elsewhere by a public unwilling to surrender the magnitude of the Holocaust to an aesthetic vision deemed either insufficient or demeaning.

Spielberg's greatest achievement, then, may be to win over precisely that audience resistant to a fictionalised telling of an atrocity which its generation still remembers. Avi Granot, counsellor for church and ethnic affairs at the Israeli Embassy in Washington DC, is the son and nephew of "Schindler Jews," the term given to the 1,100 or so Polish Jews saved from virtually inevitable death by the intervention of German industrialist and Nazi party member Oskar Schindler (played on screen by Liam Neeson). Having known Schindler during his visits to Israel in the late 1950s, Granot remembers thinking that the film "might be kitsch ... that Spielberg, in order not to offend, would create some kind of saintly character."

Moreover, Granot, like many others, had maintained that the Holocaust could only be chronicled accurately in memoirs and documentaries, books by Elie Wiesel or Primo Levi, or in minority interest films from Claude Lanzmann (*Shoah*) or Marcel Ophuls (*The Sorrow and the Pity*). Now, he says, "the movie has changed quite a lot of concepts in me. I was immensely impressed by how accurate the portrayal was, and the storytelling is very precise. To be able to copy an historical event into a form of perfect art is quite a challenge; the tendency is to change history to fit a certain artistic mould."

That, of course, is the crucial question: has the century's most grotesque event simply been fed into the maws of Spielbergian optimism? Is it riding on the same entertainment juggernaut that anaesthetised the turbulent passions of *Empire of the Sun* and *The Color Purple*, Spielberg's previous "serious" films?

Village Voice critic J. Hoberman, an early *Schindler* nay-sayer, compares Spielberg's presentation of the chosen Jews to "a transport of under-privileged waifs [on] a special trip to Disneyland". Former *New York Times* theatre critic Frank Rich launched his new editorial-page column on Sunday with a damning piece on the film whose hype, Rich wrote, "is already taking on a life of its own, wrapping the movie and the Holocaust in a neat, uplifting Hollywood ending".

To some observers, the Holocaust has become so emotive that critics are more reluctant than before to take issue with related films. "It's very hard to criticise this movie without coming out on the side of the Nazis in the emotional world of this particular issue," says Harvard University's James Russell, a professor of Armenian whose family is from the Polish city, Cracow, where most of *Schindler* takes place.

"And yet, I felt Polish Jewry deserves something better which brought out the complexity of their lives and the immensity of everything that was lost. I don't think Hollywood is capable of showing you Auschwitz, of conveying it; I don't know if anybody could, except maybe the Russians because they went through it."

In the end, the depiction of the Schindler Jews is the film's primary sticking point, dividing observers more than any one issue. Certainly, there is no doubt that the film's most indelible presence is SS officer Amon Goeth, commandant of the slave labour camp at Plaszow, and played with revoltingly mesmeric charisma by the former RSC actor Ralph Fiennes (*Wuthering Heights*). But Goeth and Schindler aside — and barring a sad-eyed Ben Kingsley as the Jewish accountant Itzhak Stern — the Jews are seen as an alternately doomed or saved mass, singled out, if at all, to meet a gruesome fate at the hands of Goeth.

> 'With Spielberg's Midas touch, even a film about genocide pays'

To Russell, the Jews "were trivialised as a rather bland, rather gentle people". The *New York Post*'s film critic, Thelma Adams, says Spielberg made them "bit players in their own tragedy". But are they *Schindler*'s real subject? That query prompts what some see as Spielberg's principal achievement. "This is a film about perpetrators, not victims," argues Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in New York and himself a Holocaust survivor.

Distinguishing *Schindler* from such Holocaust works as *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Europa, Europa*, Foxman praises the "totality" of the movie's embrace of "the evil, the brutality, the bestiality of the Holocaust". He believes that "there have been a slew of films that zeroed in on the victims, but Spielberg looks at the Nazis in an uncaricatured way; that's the breakthrough."

For Rabbi James Rudin, inter-religious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, America's oldest human rights organisation, the film follows last spring's opening of the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC as an essential reminder of the defining episode of this century, amid assertions elsewhere of ignorance and disbelief.

"Here", says Rudin, "is the most successful movie-maker who usually makes dinosaurs, ET, and the like, turning his brilliance to this subject at a time when many of the actual survivors are being called by God in a natural way. And because I live in a world where every day I'm dealing with Holocaust denial, I'm personally and professionally very moved by this film."

Adds Granot: "This is Schindler's story, not the whole story of the Holocaust. If people expected the movie to cover every day in the life of the ghetto it would last five years. I simply doubt that anyone can produce another Holocaust movie on this level. It not only replaces the standard we have now, but sets a whole new one."

● *Schindler's List opens in Britain on February 18*

New bugs get squashed

TELEVISION: **Lynne Truss** reviews a revealing documentary about life in prep schools

In a new grey school jumper that sits awkwardly on his tiny shoulders, eight-year-old George peers over the balustrade of his new prep school. Other boys are milling about, of course; but George, in his big specs, looks like a chap to whom childish milling will not come easily. In one quick secret movement, behind a pillar, he removes his specs, wipes his eyes on his sleeve, and puts the specs back on again.

Other, bigger boys suddenly converge on him, asking if there is anything wrong. "No," he pipes, warily, edging away. "What's happened?" they ask. "Nothing," he protests.

You don't often see an appeal on behalf of over-privileged children, but last night's *40 Minutes* about boys' prep schools, **The Making of Them** (BBC2) might almost, at such tear-jerking moments, have been leading to an address for donations. Poor George. While his parents are cheerfully footing the bill for his education now, all this dismal separation trauma will cost him dearly later on, and not just in money, either.

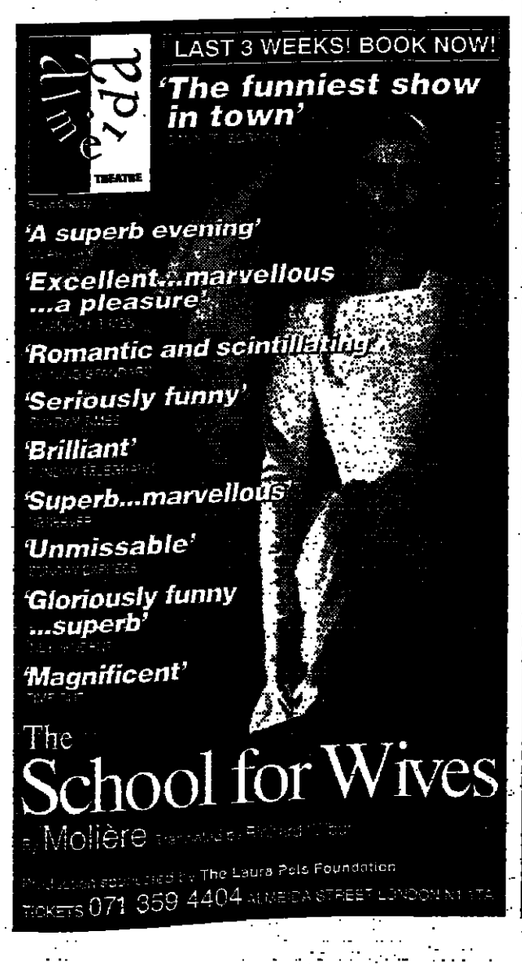
The Making of Them was a quiet, sympathetic film, but it certainly had an emotional axe to grind. Combined with the present-day stories of two new boys (George and Harry) were interviews with adult men, the walking wounded, all of whom recollected prep school not as their "making" but as their undoing. For once, however, there was a fine excuse for this ostensible lack of editorial balance. Since the great British prep school is a story of successfully stifled screams, any boy or adult who claimed to be unaffected would have labelled himself thereby as a certain casualty.

Prep school is where boys learn to lie about their feelings, where they get into the white-water A-stream of lying which carries them directly towards politics. It's a well attested fact.

Evidently the present-day regime at St Custards is less awful than it used to be. Little boys are given a new-arrivals pep talk about how it's all right to blub. In some schools the boys are given phone-cards, but at others the practice is frowned on. The parents of Harry, interviewed during his first three weeks away, said they thought it was better not to have phone contact. "If they can phone, they say 'Can I come home, I'm so unhappy, when am I going to see you again?'," explained Harry's mother, blithely. "But they're not unhappy at all, it's just the obvious thing to say."

Given the obvious potential for cliché, *The Making of Them* was a clever and subtle film. When Alexander (11) described his first arrival at school, he said that another boy had "caught me — I mean *found* me crying behind a locker". When Freddie (9) earnestly applauded the school for teaching him self-reliance ("you have to be able to manage by yourself"), he continued, bewilderingly, with a childish story about a birthday cake in which he was suddenly reduced again to nine years old. Alexander said that the only things to "hug" at school were the teddies, "but I don't need them much".

Remember *The Invasion of the Body Snatchers*? Remember when Kevin McCarthy yelled at us from the screen, "They are here among you! They look like ordinary people, but they are not!"? Let's just say the effect of *The Making of Them* was similar.



RADIO REVIEW: Literary adaptations, from Scott to Byron to Hammett

Drama behind Scottish lines

Walter Scott himself did not think much of the hero of his novel **Waverley**: he said that Edward Waverley, the sensitive young English officer who eventually joins the rebellious Jacobites, was "a sneaking piece of imbecility". So it is just as well that the new radio dramatisation by Roger Danes (Sundays, repeated Fridays, Radio 4) dwells more on the political passions and intrigues in Scotland in 1745 than on Edward's feelings. One of the Scotswomen says she does hope that "they won't be talking politics at dinner; even religion would be better, even law" — but in this case we may beg to differ.

Judging by the first instalment, it is going to be a strong production. The swirling voices in the dragoon barracks or in the Scottish baronial halls and glens give a strong sense of the two nations entangled with each other in mingled hatred and admiration. But the clear voices that emerge from the babble outline sharply the battle-lines of emotion between the Scots and the English — which are soon going to turn into battle-lines of steel.

John Buick was particularly good as Baron Bradwardine, the Scots friend of Edward's family, who generously brings out the Château Margaux 1713 for the young Englishman, but whose whole culture marks him out as no friend of the Hanoverians. Tom Smith, as the "innocent" Davey who goes round Bradwardine's estate singing, gave an attractive performance of some songs that had been specially arranged by the composer Iain Johnstone — even if one was as baffled as young Edward was by the words.



Dangerous to know: Lord Byron, whose life flashed by in a vivid radio portrait compiled from brief quotations

Scott's younger contemporary, Byron, also loomed up in a new series on Radio 4 on Sunday (repeated today): **Dangerous to Know**, an account of his life compiled by Michael and Melissa Bakewell. "Compiled" is the word, since this programme is made up of an extraordinary tapestry of brief quotations, so that in less than a minute you may hear Byron's mother, his friend Hobhouse, stray lines from *Childe Harold* and *Don Juan*, Byron's own voice, and Byron's inner voice. The tapestry is deftly and ingeniously woven, but the poet's life careers by at breakneck speed. He complained at one point that he had had the doctor's letter announcing his mother was ill only a day before he learnt that she was dead. The Bakewells allowed us only a split second between the two occurrences.

Over on Radio 5 on Saturday a very different serial was beginning — a dramatic version of Dashiel Hammett's Lower East Side thriller, **Secret Agent X-9**, which started life as a newspaper comic-strip in 1934. No attempt here to do a *Maltese Falcon* or a Humphrey Bogart: these tecs and crooks all imitated Chico Marx imitating crooks and tecs. The fun was fast and — obvious.

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Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun 2-6pm. Opens today, until Feb 27 🅂

SUSAN TOMES. The pioneering pianist opens the new year with the world premiere of Judith Weir's *The King of France*. Her chosen programme also includes Mozart's Sonata in B flat K570, Fauré's Nocturnes 1, 3 and 8 and Schubert's Sonata in A D959
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

TRAVELLING OPERA. This imaginative company brings its English language version of Mozart's **The Magic Flute** to London for three days only. Widely popular on its travels, it is well known for innovative productions full of wit, style and energy.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, tomorrow and Friday, 7.30pm 🅂

ELSEWHERE

LEATHERHEAD: A rainbow mix of music, song and action is on offer with Bill Kenwright's production of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. Richard Balcombe, straight from the West End *City of Angels*, is the musical director.
Thorndike Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677). This week: daily, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Until Feb 12. 🅂

STEVENAGE. Rousing good fun is just about guaranteed as Barbara Windsor and Paul Ladlaw join forces in a production of the ever popular **Aladdin**.
Gordon Craig, Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way (0438 766888).

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican. The London Group (071-638 4141) . . **British Museum:** Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) . . **Festival Hall.** Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) . . **National Portrait Gallery:** The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) . . **National Gallery:** Ken Kiff (071-839 3321) . . **Royal Academy of Arts** Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum (071-439 7438) . . **Tate:** Writing on the Wall: women artists; Ben Nicholson, Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008) . . **V & A.** 150 Years of the Christmas Card (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **THE GREAT HIGHWAY** Strindberg's last play, a kaleidoscopic work in many styles, harking forward to Beckett and the Theatre of the Absurd
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706) Mon-Sat. 7.30pm Till Jan 8.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm 🅂

🅂 **MACHINAL:** Fiona Shaw, a moving heroine in Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil reaches the core of the drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm: mat Thurs, 2.15pm 🅂

☐ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE.** *French and Saunders in wretchedly* lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

🅂 **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat. 4pm. 🅂

☐ **PIAF** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvelous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES** Tim Luscombe directs Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 🅂

🅂 **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. 🅂

🅂 **WILDEST DREAMS:** Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim *laughter as fantasy-game addicts* come to grief.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm 🅂

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers,** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . ☐ **Buddy,** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . 🅂 **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . 🅂 **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . 🅂 **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 9845) . . . ☐ **Hot Stuff:** *Cambridge* (071-494 5040) . . . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . 🅂 **Les Misérables,** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . 🅂 **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) 🅂 **Starlight Express,** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ■ **Sunset Boulevard,** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) . . . ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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■ **THE ABSENCE OF WAR.** John Thaw stars in David Hare's study of the Labour Party. Brilliant, necessary, or unfair, depending on your point of view.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Jan 10, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. 🅂

🅂 **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY:** Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*. Inevitable hotel room panics in the second act.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **ASPECTS OF LOVE** Andrew Lloyd Webber now has six musicals running concurrently as this one returns for a short revival. Not one of the best.
Prince of Wales, Coventry St, WC2 (071-839 5972) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until Jan 15.

☐ **THE BFG.** Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his seasonally festive call on London.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm, Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

🅂 **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm: mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 🅂

☐ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** Patrick Stewart's one-man version of Dickens's vivid tale is a remarkable tour de force, if less stirring than might be hoped.
Old Vic Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat at 2pm.

☐ **JANE EYRE.** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith in the well-known romantic melodrama. Fay Weldon adapts, Helena Kaut-Howson directs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. 🅂

NEW RELEASES

ANOTHER STAKEOUT (PG). Return visit of Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez's bantering cops comedy and action for the easily pleased. Director, John Badham
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096)
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666)
Leicester Square (0426 915683)
Swiss Cottage (0426 914098)
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CENTURY (15): Stephen Poliakoff's muddled dissection of science and morality in turn-of-the-century London. With Clive Owen, Charles Dance, Miranda Richardson
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443)
Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353)
Kensington (0426 914666) **Phoenix East Finchley** (081-883 2233)

MAC (18). Refreshing, old-fashioned salute to the common man from actor, co-writer and director John Turturro.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES (PG):** A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston, director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

◆ **ALADDIN (U):** Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not march expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.

Queasy drama with something to say from director-star Mel Gibson
MGMs: Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031)
Odeons: Kensington (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE METEOR MAN (PG):** Timid Washington teacher turns superhero and cleans up the community. Bland, *dishevelled, well-meaning fantasy from* writer-director-star Robert Townsend.
Electric 🅂 (071-792 2020)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD (15).** Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child (TJ Loether), and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama also stars Laura Dern; Eastwood directs.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS (PG):** Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Patrick Stewart and Tracey Ullman.
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◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (PG):** Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-*director Nora Ephron.*
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

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◆ **DEMOLITION MAN (15)** Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Overblown action romp with satirical touches. Director, Marco Brambilla.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

DESPERATE REMEDIES (15). Airless, exhausting high camp from New Zealand: a period tale of love and deceit directed by Stewart Main and Peter Wells. Music by Verdi, Strauss and Berlioz.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

LATE SPRING: Moving portrait of a father and his dutiful daughter, from the Japanese master Yasujiro Ozu; made in 1949. Part of an Ozu season.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE (12):** Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast.

Exit a Greek bearing gifts?



STEPHEN HARKESON

Founding chief: Lina Lalandi, wearing one of the specially commissioned crowns designed for *L'Orfeo* by the Greek jeweller Ilias Lalaounis

This Sunday's Monteverdi extravaganza at Covent Garden has plunged the English Bach Festival into crisis. **Richard Morrison** reports

Whatever you need to stage Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo* can be found this week in a Belgravia drawing-room. Assorted spears lie on the floor. A lyre, fashioned like a tortoise-shell, sits ripe for the plucking. Fabulous crowns have been commissioned from the fashionable Greek jeweller Ilias Lalaounis. Costume designs are scattered on a harpsichord. None of your usual designer whimsy, either: these are exact replicas of the chitons and imations worn in ancient Greece.

All of which must be a source of great comfort to the residents of this Belgravia mansion — Lina Lalandi, the Greek-born founder of the English Bach Festival, and her husband, the saintly former banker Ralph Emery — because Lalandi is about to commit one of her regular acts of inspired madness. She has hired the Royal Opera House, an orchestra of top period-instrument players, and 17 singers — and on Sunday she is putting on *L'Orfeo* in a production fastidiously designed to emphasise the ancient Greek origins of the myth.

She has been doing this sort of thing for 30 years: enriching our musical life, following her own instincts, exploring the great Rameau, Handel and Gluck masterpieces that the big opera companies cannot reach. "We are unique in England, in staging these big Baroque operas with full attention to period detail," she claims with justice. "And it's been proven that they come to life. Our reviews are outstanding — from the enlightened critics anyway. Of course there are some clots."

She admits, however, that this Sunday's outing to Covent Garden may be an extravaganza too far. Her festival's finances — always delicately poised — are now, she says, in "very great crisis". More of that sad matter later. First, a reminder of her glittering, if improbable, career.

The map of British music has largely been drawn by Great Eccentrics: men and women who had the vision and obstinacy to attempt enterprises that a committee of bureaucrats would have deemed utterly bonkers. Christie's Glyndebourne, Beecham's London orchestras, Baylis's Sadler's Wells Opera, Hallé's Hallé: these all started as magnificent follies. But none was a more surprising creation than the EBF.

Lalandi, the daughter of a Greek museum director, had come to London as a tempestuous harpsichordist in the mid-Fifties. She began the EBF in Oxford in 1963, mixing her passion for Baroque music with exotic premieres. Her powers of persuasion, customarily expressed in a torrent of fractured English, were formidable. Albert Schweitzer was the EBF's first president; he was succeeded by Stravinsky, then Bernstein.

Oxford, unfortunately, was wary of this Greek bearing gifts. When Messiaen played his own music at the Oxford Playhouse, just £27 was taken at the box office. Other promoters would have shrunk their ambitions accordingly. Lalandi expanded — to London. Her festivals of the late Seventies became great eclectic events. Lalandi became almost as significant a force in British musical life as the director of the Proms; and many of those she nurtured are now themselves running British music. Nicholas Kenyon, the controller of Radio 3, was one of her tea-boys in the Seventies.

But Lalandi is a pioneer, not a consolidator. In the late Seventies the EBF ceased being a festival in the normal sense, and concentrated on mounting occasional, spectacular productions of neglected Baroque operas. That enabled her to offer an alternative to the prevailing trend towards "concept opera" productions — or "perverting the composer's wishes", as she calls it. It is a subject upon which she can hold forth for many minutes without drawing breath. In EBF productions, by contrast, dance steps and "gestures" are faithfully transcribed from 18th-century treatises; costumes designed to the very stitch to replicate museum originals: scenery painted *à la* Watteau or a similarly apt source. *L'Orfeo*'s scenery is based on an ancient Greek vase decoration.

> 'We are desperate for sponsors, donations, to see us through'

"I won't do things cheaply," says Lalandi. "Our costumes are made to be seen close-up. They use the materials that would have been used in the original period." Which brings us to the present crisis. Despite the hefty ticket prices being charged on Sunday (£73 for a good stalls seat), and long-standing sponsorship from the A.G. Leventis Foundation, *L'Orfeo* could be the EBF's final curtain.

The reason, according to Lalandi, is that the Arts Council only gives the EBF what she describes as "a pittance" (actually £13,360 last year). Consequently the festival survives on the profits of lucrative engagements abroad. But these have suddenly become too scarce for comfort.

"We did 16 years of performances in Versailles, until they thought they could imitate us and put on Baroque opera for themselves." This Gallic impertinence greatly annoys Lalandi. "They did one festival by themselves, and now it has broken down."

It is not the French, however, but the Spanish who have precipitated the present crisis. "We were going to do six performances of *L'Orfeo* in Spain in February. These performances have been, if not cancelled, postponed to April, and this has left *L'Orfeo* destitute. We have no cash flow. We are desperate for sponsors, donations, to see us through Sunday's performance. I don't think we can cancel now."

What of the saintly Ralph, whom Lalandi describes as the "main sponsor" of the EBF for years? "My husband is a marvellous fellow, and particularly enlightened. But he is not rich. He was a banker, but not a banker with money. He is not like the Sainsburys. And now we have no money left; everything has *gone into the festival. Yet we still have* great plans: Gluck's *Orfeo* in July at the Royal Opera, and the *Fairy Queen* with actors for Purcell's tercentenary."

Should the EBF be saved? In our grey, accountant-led age, Lalandi's flamboyant flair is an anachronism, and her domineering manner does not delight all-comers. Yet her shows continue to beguile even those sceptical of the power of Baroque opera. The world would be duller without them. Now she must hope that somebody very rich thinks so too.

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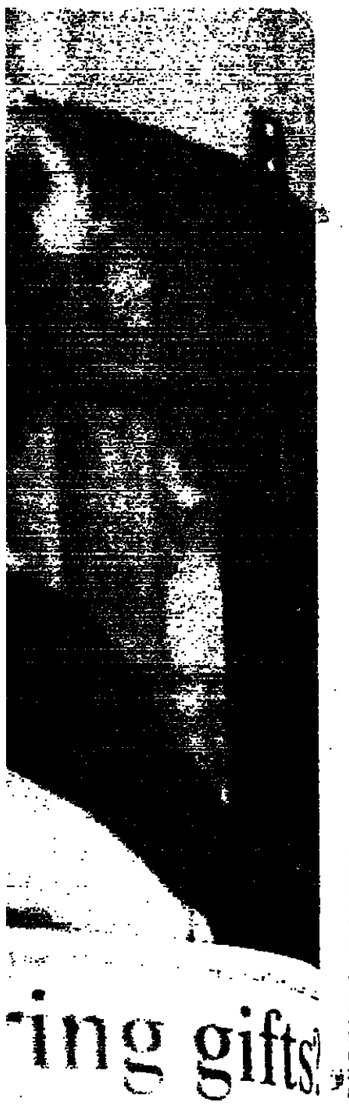
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The producer responsible for televising *Middlemarch* criticises the demise of a great BBC tradition. Interview by **Michael Church**

Dramatic view of the BBC

When *Middlemarch* begins its serene progress on television this month, two golden ages will be recalled at a stroke. Back to the great British novel. And back to something else which, though more recent, had seemed as irretrievably lost: the art of transferring the great British novel, accessibly and without travesty, to the small domestic screen.

No prizes for guessing the author of this adaptation: Andrew Davies may be the obvious choice, but he is also far and away the best. Michael Hordern and Robert Hardy are among the supporting cast for a trio of newcomers — Douglas Hodge, Rufus Sewell, and Juliet Aubrey — who are about to become household names. Anthony Page, the director, is a top-flight Brit who has been lured home from a career in America.

This luring and hiring is the work of a BBC producer called Louis Marks, another non-household name, but in the trade, a name — literally — to conjure with. This is due as much to his steadfast survival as to the excellence of his output. While impresarios have risen and fallen, and fads come and one, Marks has carried the torch for televised drama with tenacity.

His manner is modest, and he is a listener, not a holder-forth. But watching the BBC destroy its drama department over the past ten years, even he has found a voice. "It's been de-skilled and casualised," he says, and lists a series of disasters of which *Eldorado* and *A Year in Provence* are merely the most visible.

Last year's central accounting loss of £60 million hit drama hard, with the result that Marks was one of the tiny handful of producers allowed to go on working. The brutal rationalisations just completed by Charles Denton, the new drama head, may lead to a recovery. But the danger of complete fragmentation, says Marks, is far from over.

His own career is illuminating. He started life as a schoolmaster, set up and ran the literary magazine *Books and Bookmen*, and then found himself creating scripts for ITV's *Robin Hood*. He wrote for the weekly thriller *No Hiding Place*, followed by the inaugural series of *Doctor Who*, and then conceived a soap called *Honey Lane*, based on Soho's Berwick Market, which ran for three years in the late Sixties.

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After this blooding in show-biz, Marks went as a script editor to the BBC. Two years later, having produced several plays by the fledgling writer Andrew Davies, he fell victim to routine executive caprice. In charge of an axed project, he was facing the axe himself.

Saved by a letter: out of the blue, a new Davies script arrived, entitled *Fearless Frank*. The life and loves of the ineffable Frank Harris — whom Wilde alleged was "invited to every great house in England — *once*" — offered ideal material for the game Marks was then playing.

Six directors turned down the script as unproducible. — no scene lasted longer than 30 seconds — but the seventh took the ball and ran with it. The television show, starring Leonard Rossiter and Susan Penhaligon, was turned into a London stage hit, and only bombed on Broadway when the American producers insisted on taking out the sex.

Then came another letter out of the blue: a single sheet of paper from an agent on behalf of a writer, of whom Marks had not heard, called Andrew Birkin. "When I read it", says Marks, "I literally shook with excitement." This was the germ which he developed into *The Lost Boys*, the biographical trilogy starring Ian Holm as J. M. Barrie, which is now generally accepted as one of the most flawless things ever achieved in the medium.

This medium may have been TV-film, but what most enthused Marks then — and haunts him in retrospect — was the exhilarating potential of studio-drama. Television drama's obsession with film, and the still-prevailing snobbery towards studio work, is in his view the root cause of its current malaise.

"Suddenly, around 1980, nobody wanted to be a mere television director any more, and this was coupled with some very naive political thinking. The then-radicals argued that because it all took place in the BBC studios, it was therefore an established product. To be politically free, you had to work with film, far away from London. They failed to see how freely the imagination could run in the studio — if you let it."

In its heyday, BBC drama was turning out 90 plays a year, and scripts could go into production within weeks of delivery. Film, with its ponderous gestation, put an end to this direct relationship between writer and audience. "The writer's voice in television", Marks says, "has largely been lost."

Running the *Play of the Month* slot — on which the BBC's current *Performance* series is a somewhat pallid variant — Marks presided over a string of coups, with David Bowie in Brecht's *Baal*, Anthony Hopkins and Peggy Ashcroft in Ibsen's *Little Eyolf*, Jeanne Moreau and Omar Sharif in Sartre's *Vicious Circle*, and a version of Schnitzler's *La Ronde* to rival Ophuls's great film. All shot cheaply in the studio.

At this time Marks began a long collaboration with Harold Pinter, of which the most recent fruit — the playwright's film of Kafka's *The Trial* — was broadcast two weeks ago. Whereon hangs a tale which goads the normally placid Marks to fury. *The Trial* was a film for theatrical release, but in a piece of amazing cack-handedness the BBC chose to premiere it just after it had shown Orson Welles's celebrated version.

"This was precisely the comparison we were hoping to avoid," Marks says. "We got an appalling critical reception, slammed for being too tied to reality. But Harold took the view that this was not a work on which you had to impose a nightmare. The nightmare lies in the fact that it is all so *realistic*. Welles's film says more about Welles than it does about Kafka." One critic, fumes Marks, castigated it for being full of Pinterisms. "But they were all *Kafkaisms*. Harold's screenplay was extraordinarily self-effacing."

At least he's having the last laugh. The film is doing well in the video shops, and its American distributors are showing it widely. Marks is one of the British producers that the Americans now watch like hawks, ready to pounce on any co-production deal which will repeat the commercial success of those other small-budget products, Mike Newell's *Enchanted April* and Anthony Minghella's *Truly Madly Deeply*.

Middlemarch is a co-production with the Boston public broadcasting system. "I'm slightly nervous for it," Marks says. "Not because I don't believe in its quality, or in the Chekhovian power of the story, which matches private hopes and disappointments against political ups and downs. But it's a long time since viewers have been asked to sit down for over six hours of drama set in the past, without murder and mayhem, or any 'contemporary' issues apart from a pervading feminism. In this era of three-minute culture, it may suffer. This may be a test of what's now possible on television."

● Middlemarch *begins next Wednesday on BBC2, 9pm*

MICHAEL POWELL



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Opening in Wales

AFTER all the ballyhoo about the new national galleries in Cardiff and Glasgow, a gallery calling itself the "Museum of Modern Art, Wales" opens its doors, almost unnoticed, next Monday. It is not exactly a new venture; located in Machynlleth in mid-Wales, it has evolved out of the Tabernacle Cultural Centre, established in 1986. The museum already has one of the finest collections of modern painting in Wales, including works by Stanley Spencer, Augustus John and Wyndham Lewis, all in permanent exhibition. The new venture opens with paintings by Jill Cope.

● NEW productions of *Swan Lake* and *Cinderella* have helped English National Ballet end the year on a financial high. According to its annual report, ENB did well enough at the box office in 1992-93 to pay off some £120,000 of its deficit, down to £277,538 from £400,441 the previous year. Says finance director Richard Elliott, this was achieved "by not being as artistically adventurous as artistic directors would have liked us to be".

Last chance . . .

WHEN the celebratory show at the Victoria and Albert Museum (071-938 8500) says "150 Years of the Christmas Card" it means precisely that. Sir Henry Cole, later principal curator of the museum, devised the first Christmas card ever sent in 1843. Its history since then is traced in the exhibition, which ends on Saturday.

All worked up with nowt to do

THEATRE REVIEW

A frozen Brussels sprout striking the human bonce at high velocity can be fatal. Glen took the aforesaid vegetable on the temple like a man and, we glean, bit the dust.

The other boys in boiler suits working — or rather playing away — the graveyard shift at a delivery depot in Stockport are in shock. They have to give up Sprout Tag, their fave game. Now they are obliged to entertain themselves with plain old Shove-Tuna, flan-case discus training and other bizarre shopfloor sports such as whacking each other, blindfold, with rainbow trout.

The opening scenes — a chain of comic sketches along the lines of silly sports supermarket-style — do not inspire big belly laughs and appear to be skating across the surface. However, Tim Firth's play, traces of artificiality and slight preachiness apart, intelligently moves from absurd surreal details to issues of import (pyramidal social hierarchies; hopes of climbing the ladder; machismo and puerility; male friendships and heterosexual attraction).

The End of the Food Chain
Stephen Joseph
Scarborough

Moreover Firth, now on his fourth piece for Scarborough's Theatre in the Round, is strongest in his dramatic shift, as the night progresses, away from light entertainment and towards the dark side. Firth is a clear-headed craftsman, a little too schematic but ably following through several stories of surprisingly protean relationships within the group and showing us — aided by the child-like physicality worked in by director Connal Orton — a tale of growing up even as we watch adults interacting.

It is, no doubt, to Firth's credit that he does make a laughing stock of characters who seem, initially at least, to be at the bottom of the intellectual pile. Nonetheless, the standard of humour of these lads, relentlessly bonding and bullying each other through pranks and jokes, rubs off troublesomely on the writer's own comedy. Bruce, leader of the gang, the brightest of the bunch and the main character, surely needs to be more amusing and sympathetic. His wisecracks are insufficiently witty to atone for his irritating funny-man mania. All the same, what the play really sets out to explore is the profound frustration at the root of, and the triviality and aggression at the heart of, such desperate time-filling.

Stephen Tompkinson (Bruce) is slightly mannered but gives a high energy performance. Paul McCrink is lovable, disturbing and ridiculously pathetic as the underdog Craig. Finally, Michelle Butterly, Mark Benton and David MacCreedy (Debbie, Ewan, and Dids) make the second half worth the wait, though the production is hardly a real knock-out.

KATE BASSETT

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March 18-20

FOLLOWING the success of Birmingham's Year of Music in 1992 and the East Midland Year of Dance last year, Manchester has been designated City of Drama for 1994, the third year of the Arts Council's Arts 2000 initiative. The Theatre Club has put together a special weekend from March 18 to 20 to see the work of two of the world's greatest directors, Peter Brook and Yukio Ninagawa.

After checking in on Friday at the four-star Britannia Hotel in the heart of Manchester, members will be off that night to see *Peer Gynt* at the Palace Theatre. Ibsen's rarely performed masterpiece is directed by Ninagawa with an international cast of 40. The production is sponsored by Manchester airport as part of the City of Drama international season.

Saturday is free for you to explore the city; several galleries are mounting exhibitions with a drama theme. Then, in the evening, we've arranged tickets for members to see Brook's production of *The Man Who* . . .

Brook is without doubt one of the most influential theatre directors of the 20th century. His most recent productions, *The Mahabharata* and *The Tempest*, were both sell-outs. His latest production, based on Oliver Sacks's neurological case studies, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat*, is sure to be one of the most talked-about shows of the year. On Sunday afternoon there will be an opportunity to join an open discussion about the play with Brook, Sacks and Jonathan Miller.

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE outcry over the increase in the illegal use of elbows in English football continues unabated, but it is unlikely that the latest incident to inspire angry headlines and bitter comments will come to the attention of the Football Association. Though Dennis Wise was accused of using his elbow dangerously in Chelsea's match against Everton at Stamford Bridge on Monday, it seems he will escape any investigation unless Everton or an accredited FA official make a formal complaint.

Everton were furious about the challenge that damaged Matt Jackson's eye, with the club's caretaker-manager, Jimmy Gabriel, saying: "Anybody in the world would have *been mad at that.*" However, Everton are bound to be discouraged from taking the matter further by the FA's ruling on John Fashanu, of Wimbledon, who escaped punishment despite complaints from Tottenham that he deliberately injured Gary Mabbutt with an elbow during a match. Keren Barratt, the referee at Stamford Bridge, took no action at the time and so is unlikely to report the incident.

"We would only proceed with any investigation if there is a mention of a specific incident in the referee's report or if we receive a complaint from a responsible body or individual such as one of the clubs involved or an FA councillor," David Barber, an FA spokesman, said yesterday. "In the John Fashanu incident, Spurs made a complaint and we asked for the people involved to attend a hearing and look at the video. But the verdict was that there was not strong enough evidence of any intent."

Jackson, who was due to have further checks today on a damaged optic nerve, was reported as saying: "I couldn't see properly for about half-an-hour afterwards and I'm very disappointed that nothing was done at the time."

Paul Gascoigne broke a rib in Lazio's weekend match against Sampdoria, the Rome club's doctor has confirmed. Gascoigne, who has played in only seven of Lazio's 17 league matches this season through injury, went off just after half-time after excelling in the 1-1 draw.

The doctor, Claudio Bartolini, said: "Paul has a hairline fracture of a lower rib bone on his right side and it will take two weeks to mend properly. Of course he is doubtful for the match next weekend against Foggia and the next 48 hours will be important in terms of how he racts and how much pain there is. We will have to make a decision as to whether he *plays through it.*"

Of Gazza's inspired performance against Sampdoria, Sergio Cragnotti, the Lazio president, said: "A light went out when Gascoigne went off."

Cragnotti also dropped a heavy hint that coach Dino Zoff's contract would not be renewed when it expired at the end of the season: "We will talk about it at the end of the season," he said. "We will make a decision which will open up new objectives, new goals for Lazio."

Brett Angell, the out-of-contract Southend striker, yesterday turned his back on former manager Barry Fry by agreeing to join Portsmouth *instead of Birmingham City.* Fry, who walked out on Southend last month to take over the managerial reins at St Andrew's, was due to attend a transfer tribunal today to decide how much Birmingham would have to pay for Angell, but he was taken aback yesterday when it transpired Angell had agreed a three-year contract with Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager.

"My ambition has always been to play in the FA Carling Premiership and the way things stand I feel I have a better chance of doing that with Portsmouth," Angell said. "I am sure Barry Fry will do the job at Birmingham and eventually take them up, but I see Portsmouth as the more likely contenders at the moment."

Fry, meanwhile, has agreed a £40,000 fee with Notts County for Paul Harding, the defender, who has been on loan at St Andrew's, but he has refused to meet Barnet's demand for *£250,000* for another defender on loan with the club, Dave Barnett.

JAN Aage Fjortoft, the Swindon forward, is to join Neuchâtel Xâmax, the Swiss club, on loan in two weeks' time in a attempt to rediscover his goalscoring touch. Fjortoft, a Norwegian international, has not scored for Swindon since joining them for £500,000 during the summer.

TIM CLIFF



Pointing the way ahead, Ball directs his Exeter players during a training session yesterday

Ball relishes return to big time

BY OLIVER HOLT

IN A dank corridor beneath the stand at Farnborough Town's Cherrywood Road ground, the post-mortem into the non-League club's FA Cup first-round defeat by Exeter City was in full swing. Someone asked Alan Ball, the visitors' manager, how important the competition would be to his club this season. "We're not going to win it. I can tell you that," Ball said.

After a playing career packed full of achievement and iced with a World Cup winners' medal, being among the managerial also-rans in the West Country clearly rankles. His name has not been mentioned in connection with the vacancy at Everton, let alone England's.

Exeter's third-round home tie with Aston Villa on Saturday will be a rare foray back *into the limelight for the last* of the Boys of '66 still in club management. His managerial career has never quite hit the heights his playing pedigree suggested it would, but the match will also be a chance for him to pit his wits against Ron Atkinson, who had only modest ability as a player yet has enjoyed consistent success as a manager.

"There is a myth surrounding Ron," Ball said. "He has this image as some sort of Mr Bojangles with all his jewellery, but when you sit down and talk to him he is football daft and a very good manager. I'm football daft, too, but I'm not so sure about the good manager part.

"I had everything going for me as a player. I had good control and I could run, but the most important thing is to have a football brain. If you have got a good football brain but you are one-paced or your feet are not quick enough, as Ron may have been, that will stop you from being a player, but it won't stop you from being a manager."

Ball's greatest managerial success came with Portsmouth when he took the club into the-then first division for the first time in 36 years in 1987, only to be dismissed in the wake of Jim Gregory's takeover of the club. "I was on my way into building it into a really big club, but then the new owner and I did not agree and I got fired," he said. "That set my credibility back an awful long way. But for my own satisfaction, I need to achieve greater success as a manager and I know I will manage another top club if I keep believing in myself."

Ball, who bought Guy Whittingham out of the army for £450 in his last days at Portsmouth and will face his team as a £1 million Villa player on Saturday, has spent just £135,000 assembling the Exeter team, which is in the lower half of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division. "I have sold £600,000 worth of players since the start of the season and spent just £50,000," Ball said. "Trying to get another £50,000 is like pulling teeth. It's a bit slow down here, I suppose, but I've been in the fast lane for 25 years."

Ball is taking his players to a country club in Hampshire as a reward for reaching the third round and insists he is looking forward to seeing Villa play at St James's Park. "My players really have no right to be on the same pitch as them and 19 times out of 20 they would beat us, but if their minds are not right, if they do not like the look of the cramped dressing rooms or the tight pitch, then it could be our day."

FA CUP

Poaching dampens optimism for Australia visit



Devereux: possible move

Christopher Irvine reports on the disturbing trend of top players emigrating

JUST when it seemed that British *rugby league no longer had anything* to fear about Australia, comes an apparent rush by leading players here to emigrate. The cry of "bring on the Aussies", which followed the whitewash of New Zealand last November, has a less confident ring about it now.

Nine months before Australia's visit here, battle has already been joined. Unless the temptations being put before players to move to southern hemisphere clubs can be resisted, Great Britain's best chance of winning their first series for 24 years against the world champions could be in jeopardy.

Malcolm Reilly, the national team coach, has insisted that, in spite of the move by Andy Platt to the Auckland Warriors at the end of the season, he will still be considered for selection.

The confrontation, starting in October, is Reilly's chief concern. Other players are expected to join Platt in Auckland, as well as new clubs being set up in Australia, and the handful of friendly matches they will have played there are not the ideal preparation for the intensity of a series against Australia.

The longer-term consequences are more worrying still. New Zealand's failings are an example of the problems faced by having players scattered worldwide. With the new clubs, Perth Reds, who hope to sign John Devereux *from Widnes and Queensland Crush*ers, also stepping up poaching activities, Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, has called an urgent meeting with Ken Arthurson, his Australian counterpart.

Lindsay is unlikely to get the most sympathetic of ears. For many years, English money lured away Australia's best. With the roles reversed, Arthurson could rightly claim natural justice. The best deterrent to defections probably lies in Lindsay's plans to get the game's financial house in order, although this might be too late to put off others following Platt's lead.

Wigan, inevitably, are under the greatest pressure, although their protests are a case of the biter bit, after years creaming off the best from everyone else. Andrew Farrell, Barrie-Jon Mather and Shaun Edwards are being tempted by new contracts or extensions to their existing ones, after being targeted by Auckland, while deals with Denis Betts and Frano Botica will keep them at Central Park for another season and a half.

Not all clubs have the financial muscle to withstand repeated overtures from overseas, however. After capturing Platt and Dean Bell from Wigan, Auckland have also succeeded in the past five days in prising two more New Zealanders away from English clubs — Se'e Solomona from Oldham and Tea Ropati, last season's first division player of the year, from St Helens. The £70,000 received for each player, the maximum under international rules, is scant consolation.

US lose as Lendl makes his debut

IVAN Lendl's debut for the United States was a flop yesterday as his adopted country was swept out of the Hopman Cup team tennis tournament at the quarter-final stage by unseeded Germany in Perth. The Czech-born Lendl, who became an American citizen in July 1992, and his partner, Mary Joe Fernandez, were outplayed by the more youthful Bernd Karbacher and Anke Huber.

Lendl, 33, was beaten 6-3, 6-1 by the pencil-thin Karbacher after Fernandez had been coolly defeated 6-2, 7-6 by Huber. Two of Lendl's former compatriots did reach the last four when the Czech Republic, the top seeds, beat Switzerland 2-1, largely thanks to the in-form Petr Korda.

Sergi Bruguera, the French Open champion and world No 4 from Spain, joins Andre Agassi, the former Wimbledon champion, as an absentee from the Australian Open, which starts later this month in Melbourne. He is injured and will also miss his planned warm-up at the Rio Challenge in Adelaide, where he will be replaced by Henri Leconte.

Chen feels strain

TABLE TENNIS: Chen Xinhua, the England No 1, was left with a dilemma over his busy schedule after his first and only *appearance in the foiz-match series against Japan* at the South Kesteven Centre last night (Richard Eaton writes).

Chen was also unusually jaded when losing unexpectedly 21-16, 21-7 to Yuji Matsushita, of Japan, in the semi-finals of the Cleveland Five-Star Open at the Thornaby Pavilion on Monday, and he is concerned at the age of 33 to preserve himself for his most important challenges. The German Bundesliga provides Chen with most of his income, and he also needs to concentrate on winning medals with England in the European league, the European Nations Cup and the European championships. This may place a question mark over his participation in the European Top 12 tournament in Arezzo, Italy, next month.

Conner returns

YACHTING: Dennis Conner, the four-times America's Cup winner, will be back for the third leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race from Fremantle to Auckland, which starts on Sunday. Conner will return to the helm of Winston, which is second overall in the W60 class behind the Japanese-New Zealand yacht, Tokio. Conner was on board Winston for the first leg of the race from Southampton to Punta del Este. He sat out the second leg from Punta del Este to Fremantle, as Brad Butterworth took over as skipper. Conner said he will sail the next leg before deciding which of the remaining three legs he will participate in. The race ends in Southampton in July. "I am looking forward to getting back on board," he said.

Petitbon dismissed

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The Washington Redskins dismissed their coach, Richie Petitbon, yesterday after he led them to four wins and 12 defeats, their poorest National Football League record since 1963. Petitbon took over after last season following the retirement of Joe Gibbs. Washington, who finished last in the National Football Conference East division, failed to score touchdowns in six games this season.

☐ Roger Ruzek kicked a 38-yard field goal as time expired in overtime on Monday to give the Philadelphia Eagles a 37-34 win over the San Francisco 49ers in the last game of the regular season. The game had no bearing on the play-offs.

Howard goes to Leeds

RUGBY LEAGUE: Leeds yesterday signed Harvey Howard for around £100,000 in a 2½-year deal, after Widnes had *rejected two earlier bids for the unsettled player.* The 24-year-old prop forward, who rejected an offer by Sydney Eastern Suburbs in order to move to Headingley, could make his home debut tonight against Castleford. Va'aiga Tuigamala, Wigan's £400,000 capture from New Zealand, will arrive at Central Park on Friday, but John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, has said the former rugby union winger will have a settling-in period of two or three weeks before making a first appearance, most likely in the Alliance reserves team.

Goldberger's delight

NORDIC SKIING: Andreas Goldberger, 21, delighted his home crowd by winning a World Cup ski-jumping competition at Innsbruck, Austria, beating his leading rival, Jens Weissflog, of Germany. It was his second straight win at Innsbruck and kept him in the running for the prestigious four hills championship with one jump left, tomorrow at Bischofshofen, also in Austria. Noriaki Sakai, of Japan, finished third. Goldberger's 114.5-metre (378ft) first jump, a hill record, put him firmly en route to his second World Cup win this season, even though Weissflog, 29, outjumped him in the second round.

India withdraw

HOCKEY: The Great Britain team leaves for Barcelona today for what has now been declared a three nations tournament because of the late withdrawal of India. According to a new schedule, which the team manager, David Whittle, has rejected as unacceptable, Britain are to play Belgium on Friday and Spain on Sunday, with Spain taking on Belgium on Saturday. Whittle said yesterday that Britain had earlier insisted on Asian opposition. The Los Reyes tournament for clubs is being run concurrently and Hounslow and Southgate, of the Pizza Express National League, are taking part.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	45	80	fair	varied	fair	cloud	-2	1/1
Upper slopes generally well covered								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	30	90	good	heavy	worn	cloud	2	2/1
Excellent piste skiing in variable light								
Obergurgl	80	140	good	varied	good	cloud	-1	4/1
Great skiing on all pistes								
Söll	20	60	fair	soft	worn	cloud	2	4/1
Piste skiing remains good after slight snowfall								
FRANCE								
Alpe D'huez	140	220	good	varied	good	cloud	-3	4/1
New snow in morning making piste skiing excellent								
Avoriaz	140	170	good	powder	good	cloud	-4	4/1
Wonderful skiing despite high winds								
Chamonix	110	450	good	heavy	good	sun	-2	3/1
Excellent skiing on all pistes above 2000m								
La Plagne	160	320	good	heavy	good	fair	-2	3/1
Piste skiing excellent with full covering of snow								
Megève	75	150	good	varied	fair	snow	3	4/1
Pistes holding up well despite mild weather								
Hevalier 80	220	good	heavy	good	snow	1	4/1	
Lower runs sticky after damp snowfall								
Tignes	150	330	good	powder	good	snow	-3	4/1
Continual snowfalls giving waist deep powder								
SWITZERLAND								
Crans	80	160	powder	powder	good	cloud	0	4/1
Skiing conditions superb with little queueing								
Verbier	145	250	good	powder	good	snow	1	4/1
Excellent off-piste skiing after overnight snow								
Zermatt	45	190	good	heavy	fair	cloud	-4	2/1
Most high runs closed due to high winds								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper

CRICKET

COLOMBO: First youth test match (first day of four): England Under-19 189-3 (M Vaughan 99, N Wood 53) v Sri Lanka Under-19.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN: Embassy world championship (England unless stated): *Second round:* K Kenny bt N Gadney 3-2; B George bt M Phillipo (Wales) 3-1; M Adams bt B Taylor (Scot) 3-1, M Caris (Swe) bt L Laurens (Bel) 3-0.

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division: Postponed: Luton v Millwall.

Second division: Postponed: Swansea v Hartlepool.

Scottish League

Premier division

KILMARNOCK 2,117	(0)	1	DUNDEE 7,406	(0)	0
McSkimming 46					

First division

BRECHIN 2,117	(0)	0	DUNFERMLINE Cooper 43	(0)	1
CLYDEBANK 2,152	(0)	0	AYR McGlashan 7, Hood 12	(2)	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	24	16	3	5	59	22	35
Airdrie	23	14	5	4	40	21	33
Falkirk	22	12	6	4	39	23	30
Clydebank	24	11	6	7	37	27	28
St Mirren	23	10	5	8	31	29	25
Hamilton	22	9	6	7	33	32	24
Ayr	24	8	7	9	21	29	23
Stirling	22	9	4	9	27	34	22
Dumbarton	23	8	4	11	30	34	20
Clyde	23	5	4	14	21	37	14
Morton	22	3	8	11	21	38	14
Brechin	24	3	2	19	15	48	8

Second division

MONTROSE 802	(0)	0	STRANRAER Henderson 41 Cody 52	(1)	2

Postponed: Berwick v Queen of the South; Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Boys v Aylesbury.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Queens Park Rangers v Bristol City.

POINTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Bradford v Rotherham; Grimsby v Manchester City.

MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS TO DAKAR RALLY: Tenth special stage (PK25 to Antenne, 460 km): 1, P Lartigue (Fr), Citroen ZX 3hr 32min 51sec; 2, J-P Fontenay (Fr), Mitsubishi at 6min 36sec; 3, E Weber (Ger), Mitsubishi 8:16; 4, H Auriol (Fr), Citroen ZX 13:07; 5, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi 32.26. Overall: 1, Lartigue 19hr 10min 46sec; 2, Weber at 27min 38sec; 3, Shinozuka 54:26; 4, Auriol 1hr 32min 43sec; 5, Fontenay 1:50:34.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Humberside 10 Durham 5; Peterborough 3 Cardiff 14.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool C (in Denmark): Denmark 6 Great Britain 5 (Britain finished fourth).

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 3 Florida 2; Pittsburgh 4 Ottawa 1.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH: 18 group: Wales 85 Scotland 8 (at Llanwern).

SKI JUMPING

INNSBRUCK, Austria: World Cup: Four hills event: Third leg: 1, A Goldberger (Austria) 233pts; 2, J Weissflog (Ger) 229; 3, N Kasai (Japan) 222.2; 4, J Sakala (Cz) 218.1, 5, E Bredesen (Nor) 217.7; 6, H Kuttin (Austria) 209.2. Overall: 1, Weissflog: 2, Bredesen; 3, Goldberger, World Cup overall: 1, Weissflog 550pts; 2, Goldberger 505; 3, Bredesen 500.

TABLE TENNIS

THORNABY: Cleveland Five Star Open: Men's semi-finals: Y Matsushita (Japan) bt Chen Xinhua (Eng) 21-16, 21-7; A Cooke (Eng) bt E Bobkin (Russ) 21-7, 21-23, 21-16. Final: Matsushita bt Cooke 21-17, 21-16. Women's semi-finals: C Koyama (Japan) bt K Endo (Japan) 21-12, 21-6; Tee Pie Ming (China) bt E Timina (Russ) 21-11, 21-16. Final: Koyama bt Tee Pie Ming 21-14, 21-16.

SQUASH

LAMBS CLUB, London: SRA British junior open championships: Boys: Under-19: Quarter-finals: A i Barrada (Egypt) bt G Rydhig (Can) 9-4, 9-1, 9-0; O El Barodgy (Egypt) bt C Tomlinson (Eng) 9-6, 10-8, 9-5, 6-9, 9-3; A Toes (Eng) bt D Jansen (Aus) 9-7, 10-8, 9-3; P Hargrave (Eng) bt M Fitani (Aus) 7-9, 9-7, 9-2, 9-2. Girls: Under-19: Quarter-finals: N i Grainger (SA) bt T Shanton (Eng) 9-3, 9-1, 9-5; J Trenfield (Eng) bt S Bartel (Ger) 10-9, 9-6, 9-4; T Malik (Wales) bt J Thacker (Eng) 9-2, 6-9, 9-4, 9-6; N Tippett (Aus) bt S Brind (Eng) 2-9, 9-5, 9-4, 9-3, 9-0. Under-16: Quarter-finals: T Bailey (Eng) bt S Mundy (Can) 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; P Karanen (Fin) bt J Salvidge (Eng) 9-0, 9-5, 9-5; K Hannes (Bel) bt C Cogen (Eng) 7-9, 9-7, 9-1, 7-9, 9-7; L Hamilton (Scot) bt S Griffiths (Eng) 9-6, 9-0, 9-3.

TENNIS

PERTH, Australia: Hopman Cup: Quarter-finals: Czech Republic 2 Switzerland 1 (Czech names first): J Novotna lost to M Maleeva-Fragniere 6-4, 7-5; P Korda bt J Hlasek 6-0, 6-2; Novotna and Korda bt Maleeva-Fragniere and Hlasek 6-4, 6-4). Germany 2 United States 1 (German names first: A Huber bt M Fernandez 6-2, 7-6; B Karbacher bt I Landi 6-3; 6-1; Huber and Karbacher lost to Fernandez and Landi 8-5).

ADELAIDE: *Australian men's hard-court championships:* First round: A Volkov (Russ) bt R Seguso (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; J Apell (Swe) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-2, 7-6; J Morgan bt D Nainish (SA) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt B Shelton (US) 6-2, 6-2; D Rikl (Cz) bt A Mansdorf (Isr) 6-4, 6-4; N Kulti (Swe) bt M Rosset (Switz) 7-6, 6-3; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-1, 6-4; R Fromberg (Aus) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

BRISBANE: Australian women's hard-court championship: First round: S Stafford (US) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-2, 6-3; A Grossman (US) bt M Grossi (It) 6-4, 7-6; R Grande (It) bt K Quentrec (Fr) 7-5, 6-3; S Fanini (It) bt T Price (SA) 6-2, 4-6, 7-6; K Sharpe (Aus) bt S Reece (US) 6-2, 6-2; R Stubbs (Aus) bt M Per (Arg) 6-2, 6-4; R Simpson-Mier (Can) bt J Taylor (Aus) 7-5, 6-1; F Labat (Arg) bt R de Los Rios (Par) 6-2, 6-1; S Tessidi (Fr) bt E Likhovtseva (Russ) 6-4, 6-2; J Limmer (Aus) bt N Arendt (US) 6-4, 6-3. Second round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt R Keller (US) 6-4, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt Lea Ghirardi (Fr) 6-0, 6-3; R Hrabi (Japan) bt S Potter (Holl) 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, ret; R McQuillan (Aus) bt J Helard (Fr) 6-3, 6-2; S Hack (Ger) bt S Farina (It) 6-3, 6-2.

DOHA, Qatar: Men's tournament: First round: H Leconte (Fr) bt F Velo (Fr) 6-3, 6-2; S Pescosolido (It) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 6-4, 6-2; K Breiseth (Ger) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; O Delaitre (Fr) bt F Wilder (Holl) 7-6, 6-2; J Ettrich (Holl) bt M Gottner (Ger) 6-2, 7-6.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Philadelphia 37 San Francisco 34 (OT).

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas*	12	4	376	229
NY Giants*	11	5	298	205
Philadelphia	8	8	293	315
Phoenix	7	9	336	369
Washington	4	12	230	345
West division				
San Francisco*	10	6	473	295
New Orleans	8	8	317	343
Atlanta	6	10	316	386
LA Rams	5	11	221	387

* won division. † play-off wild card.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Utah 115 Dallas 86.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester	19	17	2	2049	1598	34
Worthing	17	15	2	1599	1417	30
Thames Valley	16	14	1	1495	1137	28
Guildford	18	12	6	1631	1455	24
London Towers	19	12	7	1649	1577	24
Derby	17	9	8	1605	1482	18
Birmingham	14	8	6	1216	1146	16
Sunderland	19	7	12	1699	1788	14
Leicester	15	6	9	1235	1297	12
Chester	17	5	12	1353	1399	10
Doncaster	16	2	14	1222	1450	4
Hemel H	18	2	16	1514	1800	4
Oldham	16	1	15	1201	1575	2

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Scottish League

Premier division

Hearts v Hibernian

Raith v St Johnstone

First division

Hamilton v Stirling

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: First round replay: Postponed: Huntly v Alloa.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Coventry (7.0); Bolton v Derby (7.0); Man Utd v Sheff Wed (7.0); Newcastle v Blackburn (7.0). Notts Forest v Sunderland (7.0); York v Wolverhampton (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v West Brom (7.0); Burnley v Oldham (7.15), Hull v Hiddersbrough (7.0), Tranmere v Scunthorpe (7.0); Mansfield v Port Vale (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Swindon; Portsmouth v Brighton (7.0); Southampton v Bristol Rovers; Tottenham v Chelsea (2.0), West Ham v Ipswich (2.0), Wimbledon v Luton. Postponed: Watford v Crystal Palace; Oxford v Arsenal. Second division: Hereford v Torquay. Postponed: Bournemouth v Cheltenham; Exeter v Cardiff; Yeovil v Swansea.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v Liversedge.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Hull v Bradford

Leeds v Castleford

Second division

Bramley v Keighley

Dewsbury v Doncaster

Highfield v Swinton

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League

Second division

Llanharan v Mountain Ash (2.30)

OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world championships (Frimley Green).

GOLF: President's Putter (Rye).

SQUASH: British junior championships (Lambs Club).

TABLE TENNIS: England v Japan. Men (Blackley). Women (Warwick).

Jockey Club clears rider of whip misuse in King George VI Chase

Murphy wins appeal against ban

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

DECLAN Murphy yesterday successfully appealed against the two-day riding ban imposed on him by the Kempton stewards after the King George VI Chase on December 27, in which he finished second on Bradbury Star. The verdict will be seen as a victory for common sense.

A Jockey Club disciplinary committee, chaired by Anthony Mildmay-White, sat for just under an hour before agreeing that Murphy had given Bradbury Star enough time to respond to each of the seven strikes with the whip he delivered after the final fence. At the line, Bradbury Star was a head adrift of Barton Bank, ridden by Adrian Maguire, who did not contest the two-day ban he received for his own, more strenuous, efforts.

This was the third time Murphy had appealed to the disciplinary committee without legal respresentation, and the third time he has won. The Irish jockey, one of the few who believed he could overturn the original ruling, emerged from the hearing and said: "I didn't really doubt that I'd be cleared."

The case for Murphy's appeal hinged on the interpretation of the relevant clause in the whip instruction, H9, which was introduced in July last year. Most breaches of the instruction have occurred due to misuse or overuse of the whip, but this was the first occasion an appeal has been heard for not allowing a horse time to respond before his jockey used his whip again.

Consequently, Murphy felt this was a test case in that he and many other riders believed he had not breached the instruction at Kempton. "If this committee said I was guilty, I felt all jockeys would have been in trouble," he explained. "There was a difference of opinion between our interpretation [of the whip instruction] and that of the stewards of the day. We had to find out who was right."

The committee's findings go a long way toward repairing the tarnished image racing suffered in the aftermath of what has been described as one of the most exciting finishes in the history of the King George. Murphy's two-day ban was greeted with outrage by many of the sport's professionals.

In quashing the ban, the disciplinary committee has demonstrated the flexibility in interpreting the whip instruction demanded by jockeys when the guidelines were framed last year. However, Mildmay-White emphasised he had no intention of reviewing the instruction in spite of impassioned calls to that effect from David Nicholson, the trainer of Barton Bank.

After the hearing, Mildmay-White took the unprecedented decision to discuss the merits of the case. "No rule, or law, is perfect, but this rule has worked extremely well," he said. "It has reduced injury to horses, reduced the number of cases of interference [through horses veering off a true line when under the whip] and it has undoubtedly reduced public concern. Our whip instruction is being considered internationally as something of a model."

And he paid tribute to the article published in *The Times* on Monday by the jockey, Jamie Osborne. "It was a good and rational article," Mildmay-White said. "It was well written and well measured, and made a number of constructive points."

However, problems will continue to arise in the instruction's interpretation, illustrated by the comments of stewards' secretary, Jeremy Ker, who was quoted after the King George as saying: "They [the jockeys] gave their mounts no time to respond. It was an open and shut case."

Contrast that with the statement issued by the disciplinary committee: "Although he [Murphy] had hit Bradbury Star seven times without undue severity in the final 15 strides of the race, the horse was clearly responding to the whip."

Further liaison between the disciplinary committee and racecourse stewards will eventually iron out differing interpretations on most aspects of the whip instruction. However, on the instruction demanding a horse having time to respond to the whip, racecourse stewards face an almost unworkable guideline.

As Murphy himself said after he was exonerated: "Only a jockey can determine how much time a horse needs to respond, or whether the horse has responded or not."





Declan Murphy, above, and the incident at Kempton Park which revived the whip debate as he drives Bradbury Star, right, at the finish

RICHARD EVANS

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Next best: Have A Nightcap
(2.50 Southwell)

Lewis can expect autumn bout with Holyfield

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

LENNOX Lewis can expect to box for the unified world heavyweight championship this year. Evander Holyfield, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, announced in Atlanta yesterday that he would meet Lewis, the World Boxing Council champion, in November.

Holyfield, who was thinking of retirement, said he had decided to carry on to unify the title. His next bout would be in May against Michael Moorer, the mandatory challenger. If Moorer were to win, Lewis could expect to meet him in November, as he is managed by Main Events, the American promotions group that works with Lewis.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, was informed about Holyfield's plans by telephone from Atlanta by Dan Duva, Holyfield's promoter. Maloney said yesterday: "Holyfield has decided not to retire because he wants to unify the title. Lennox will fight Holyfield in November.

"He can expect to fight Moorer if he wins, but I have to get that one signed up. This means that Lennox will have two fights: in April and then in July or August against Oliver McCall, the WBC mandatory challenger. I would like to keep Lennox busy."

Lewis expects to sign a $20 million (£14 million) three-contest deal next week with Home Box Office (HBO), the leading cable television company in the United States.

"I have to see the financial package is all right," Maloney said. "Already Lennox has seen $7 million disappear out of the window. I expect the new package to be around $20 million. Seth Abraham [head of HBO] is coming next week to talk about it."

Lewis was expected to receive $7 million from a contest with Tommy Morrison, but Morrison saw his World Boxing Organisation crown and an accompanying fortune disappear when he was surprisingly beaten by Michael Bentt, who is soon to defend that title against Herbie Hide, the British champion.

The April opponent for Lewis has yet to be decided, but among those on HBO's approved list are Ray Mercer, the former WBO champion, Phil Jackson, Jeremy Williams and Corrie Sanders, the South African southpaw.

Floyd Havard, of Wales, the forgotten man of British boxing, gets his big chance when he meets Juan Molina, the International Boxing Federation super featherweight champion, at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, on January 22.

Havard, 28, who has had 26 bouts and lost only one on a hand injury, was one of the bright prospects when he turned professional eight years ago. But an injury to his right hand bedevilled his career, causing him to lose the British title he had won from Pat Cowdell in 1988. Havard dropped out of boxing in 1989 for 18 months. He has had only five contests in the last three years — three in 1991, one in 1992 and one in 1993.

Molina, a Puerto Rican, who has lost three of 35 contests, was not too happy about coming to Britain, but decided to make the trip when Maloney agreed to a £140,000 package, thus luring Molina away from home for the first time.

"I know he doesn't want to come to Cardiff, and obviously that's going to be beneficial to Floyd," Kevin Hayde, Maloney's promotional partner in Wales, said. "Molina's not going to be happy about building up to a big fight with the kind of weather we are getting at the moment.

"There's been lots of rain, it's cold and, you never know, it might snow by the time he gets here. The Welsh crowd will get get behind Floyd and, while Molina will get the proper respect, he really won't be made welcome."

Hayde has been given clearance by the local council and fire brigade to increase the capacity of the Welsh Institute for Sport from 1,300 to 2,000 to expose Molina to a full salvo of Welsh fervour.



Holyfield: boxing on

Kilcash heads British challenge for Ladbroke



Dow: confident

KILCASH, the 8-1 joint-favourite with the sponsors, leads a possible seven British challengers for the The Ladbroke, Ireland's richest handicap hurdle, at Leopardstown on Saturday. There are 26 declarations for the Ir£60,000 contest.

Kilcash was beaten only a neck by Glencloud 12 months ago in a race his trainer, Peter Hedger, believes he should have won. "He was unlucky," Hedger said yesterday. "He was knocked from pillar to post and didn't even see the last. But you know what to expect the second time around and we're more prepared this time.

"He is a rough customer and if they are going to barge him, he will barge back. He's in good form and eating well and the rest of the horses are starting to hit form so that is encouraging."

Simon Dow, the Epsom trainer, is confident Nahar will not be unsettled by the big field and fast pace. "He is tough and will be suited by the way the race is run," he said. "He still seems to be improving and is in good form."

Land Afar, who won the valuable William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown last month, is reported "very well" by trainer John Webber. "I wouldn't swop mine for any of them," Webber said.

Jeremy Glover believes Arcot could give a good account of himself but the trainer warned: "He is no certainty to run. He would not run on soft ground as it would blunt his speed. He was unlucky not to have won at Wetherby last time, when he just idled in front, and if he runs he will wear a visor."

The ground could also put a question mark against the Michael Blanshard-trained Welshman. "Our only worry is very heavy going as he has had too many hard races on it," Blanshard's wife, Philippa, said. "But the track at Leopardstown should suit him because there are plenty of bends to keep his interest going.

"In most of his races this term he has had near enough top weight and it is good to have just ten stone. We are certainly hoping for a place."

The British challenge is completed by Royal Derbi and Satin Lover.

THE LADBROKE (Handicap hurdle: Ir£60,000 added: 2m) (26 four-day declarations)

Royal Derbi 11st 12lb, Land Afar 11-3, Kilcash 11-2, Novello Allegro 10-13, Condor Pan 10-12, How's The Boss 10-10, The Iliad 10-10, Satin Lover 10-9, Aybak 10-8, Alone 10-8, Glencloud 10-8, Gaelic Myth 10-7, Sharp Invite 10-7, Time For A Run 10-7, Cock Cockburn 10-6, Arcot 10-1, Judicial Field 10-0, Life Saver 10-0, Welshman 10-0, Nahar 9-13, Simenon 9-13, Derrymoyle 9-12, Arctic Weather 9-11, Cockney Lad 9-5, Thatch And Gold 9-2, *Keppols Prince 9-1. (Lowest weight 9-12).*

Ladbrokes betting: 8-1 Kilcash, Gaelic Myth, The Iliad, Time For A Run, 10-1 Satin Lover, 12-1 Judicial Field, 14-1 Life Saver, 16-1 Alone, Land Afar, 20-1 Arcot, Novello Allegro, 25-1 Aybak, Derrymoyle, Arctic Weather, Royal Derbi, Sharp Invite, 28-1 others.

Moore decides to delay retirement

CHARLIE Moore has been threatening retirement for some seasons, but two victories in four days from Mediator, at Lingfield, have given him a new lease of life after recently renewing his licence.

Mediator followed up last Saturday's course and distance win when making all in the Shelley Handicap under apprentice Lee Carter.

Carter showed again that he is worth his 7lb claim with a cool *front-running ride*, keeping a little up his sleeve to resist a strong late run from Alqairawaan.

Moore, who saddled 11 winners on the Flat last season, said: "We had to beat the handicapper by running again today, but the horse is improving."

The familiar combination of Bill and Emma O'Gorman won the Keats Handicap with Midnight Jazz.

O'Gorman had to switch the big colt to the outside on the home turn and the four-year-old did well to catch the favourite, Diskette, in the final furlong, turning a four-length deficit into a three-quarters of a length success.

The trainer said: "He has always seemed so slow to us that we have made use of him, but this may be the way to ride him."

☐ Robert Parsons has taken over as agent to Richard Dunwoody, the champion jockey. Parsons, 32, has been agent for Richard Quinn, the Flat jockey, since May 1990 and has helped to boost steadily Quinn's tally of winners each season. Dunwoody split with his previous agent, Robert Kington, last month.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.20 LEEWA (nap) — 2.50 Have A Nightcap
1.50 Hickleton House — 3.20 Rain-N-Sun
2.20 Carlingford Lights — 3.50 Northern Nation

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 HAVE A NIGHTCAP.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS

1.20 CAMEMBERT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,553: 2m) (15 runners)

101 861 MAJAL 14 (CD,G) (Mrs P Waley) J Wainwright 5-11-12 P Midgley (5) 85
102 4 IN FOR A POUND 5f (Mrs C Vos Strachennee) J Fanshawe 5-11-6 S Smith Eccles 73
103 60-6412 NAGOBELIA 27 (D,S) (T Barron) J Pearce 5-11-5 N Williamson 98
104 0PY5PF PYRO PENNANT 7 (M Jones) D Burchell 9-11-5 A Procter (5) –
105 60-5 STEVE FORD 14 (M Lloyd) M Lloyd 5-11-5 T Wall –
106 02-3 YAAKUM 182F (BF) (S Whittle) J Banks 5-11-5 J Twomey (5) 94
107 01P024- BALADIYA 100F (D,G) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 7-11-1 N Mann 81
108 /PP5D4 MATUSADONA 7 (Dr C Ashpole) J Harris 7-11-1 B Dalton 85
109 8 MISTRESS MIMX 15 (B Hampson) N Smith 5-11-1 S D Williams –
110 PP00- QUINBERRY 242 (R Pugh) R Pugh 6-11-1 V Slattery –
111 33 CRIMINAL RECORD 75 (V) (Ed Weetman Ltd) W Clay 4-10-8 Diane Clay 61
112 03 LEEWA 7 (Footballers' Racing Club) W Mark 4-10-8 M Richards 88
113 5 TEEN JAY 79 (F Bush) S Sherwood 4-10-8 J Osborne 90
114 P HENRIETTA BOO BOO 53 (R Heath) R Weavers 4-10-3 D Gallagher –
115 0P SACHA STAR 34 (Mrs F Manning) B Pelling 4-10-3 R Greene –

BETTING: 7-2 Magdella, 5-1 Leewa, Majal, 6-1 In For A Pound, Teen Jay, 8-1 Baladiya, Criminal Record, 10-1 Yaakum, 12-1 others.

1993: JOHN SHAW 5-11-6 M Dwyer (Evens fav) R O'Leary 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAJAL beat Clifton Chase 2l in a 7-runner opener over course and distance. IN FOR A POUND 12l 4th of 10 to Mr Woodlark in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). NAGOBELIA's best effort came when beating Rufford Dynasty 11½l in a 15-runner conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). YAAKUM 5l 3rd of 8 to Safari Park in a novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good to 4fm). BALADIYA's best effort when 8l 2nd of 7 to Bardessi in a novice handicap hurdle over course and distance. MATUSADONA 10l 4th of 10 to Green's Saggo in a novice handicap hurdle over course and distance, with PYRO PENNANT (3lb worse off) a length behind. LEEWA 4l 3rd of 11 to Quick Silver Boy in a novice hurdle over course and distance.
Selection: NAGOBELIA

1.50 WENSLEYDALE SELLING HURDLE (£1,722: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

201 4-03922 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 14 (D,BF,S) (R Pasley) D Wintle 8-11-12 P McDermott 89
202 010/500 RUSTY MUSIC 30 (F) (S Brown) R Brown 8-11-12 A Flanagan (7) 83
203 PF8-363 CAPTAIN CUTE 40 (D Garrard) D Garaton 9-11-6 P Midgley (5) 76
204 0P CASTLE WARRIOR 7 (M Lloyd) M Lloyd 7-11-6 T Wall –
205 0/PF44 HICKLETON HOUSE 5 (BF) (Shaikh Khalifa) Miss E Holloway 10-11-6 N Williamson –
206 3422-54 TESSEKURDEREDIRM 33 (BF) (M Braycotton) W Clay 7-11-6 Diane Clay 88
207 122323 DOUALASO 7 (B,BF,6,S) (Manon Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 4-11-5 R Dunwoody 89

BETTING: 2-1 Douglayo, 5-1 Tessekurderdirm, 4-1 It's Not My Fault, 8-1 Hickleton House, 10-1 others.

1993: DEBT OF HONOUR 5-11-6 D Bridgwater (4-9) K Bridgwater 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

IT'S NOT MY FAULT 5l 2nd of 15 to For Heaven's Sake in a conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, soft). RUSTY MUSIC best effort when 9l 5th of 16 to Rusty Roc in a claiming hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to firm). HICKLETON HOUSE 8l 4th of 8 to Viaggio in a claiming novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, soft). TESSEKURDEREDIRM's best effort came when 6l 2nd of 7 to Classic Pearl in a selling novice hurdle at Rangor last season (2m 4f, soft). DOUALASO's best effort came when 10l 2nd of 11 to Shared Gold in a selling hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy).
Selection: DOUALASO

2.20 BRIE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,553: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

301 48-4356 CHAPEL HILL 21 (BF) (E O'Malley) D Burchell 6-12-0 A Procter (3) 88
302 040/P03 CROOKED DEALER 14 (Maisachip Down Enterprises) S Sherwood 7-11-9 J Osborne 87
303 0443 NEBO 4 (B) (Mrs E Slater) S Kettlewell 4-11-0 N Williamson 81
304 05P06- CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 230 (Mrs C Murray) O O'Neill 6-10-7 G Bradley 88

BETTING: 2-1 Nebo, 5-2 Carlingford Lights, Crooked Dealer, 5-1 Chapel Hill.

1993: DANCING DAYS 7-11-2 N Smith (5-1) J Parkes 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHAPEL HILL 21l 6th of 11 to The Flying Footman in a novice handicap chase at Huntingdon on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good to soft). Previously, 25l 3rd of 14 to Easy Buck in a novice chase at Windsor (2m, good). CROOKED DEALER 19l 3rd of 19 to Lakeala in a novice handicap hurdle over course and distance. NEBO 16l 3rd of 8 to Shared Gold in a novice handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m, soft). CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 11l 6th of 14 to Just Rosie in a novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: CHAPEL HILL

2.50 CHEDDAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,825: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

401 111532 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 14 (CD,B,S) (R M Racecourses Ltd) J Harris 5-12-0 D Gallagher 98
402 2/5-550 ARCTIC OATS 102 (C,F,G) (R Dineen) W Haigh 9-11-13 D Byrne 96
403 3-32656 PIMS GUNNER 16 (D,F,S) (A Chappell) M Hammond 5-11-5 D Bentley (5) 90
404 /P/460-2 FLYAWAY 7 (C,BF,F,S) (D Emery) J Harris 9-11-3 R Dunwoody 90
405 2462-64 BAND OF HOPE 18 (D,F,G,S) (N Brown) W Clay 7-10-10 Diane Clay 97
406 15283-5 DONNA'S TOKEN 15 (F,G) (S Brown) R Brown 9-10-8 A Flanagan (7) 94
407 56P250- DANCING DAYS 165F (B,CD,G) (R Flegg) J Parkes 8-10-6 N Smith 95

BETTING: 3-1 Flyaway, Have A Nightcap, 6-1 Band Of Hope, Dancing Days, Pims Gunner, 8-1 Donna's Token, 16-1 Arctic Oats.

1993: HARD TO HOLD 10-10-10 Mr A Hambley (25-1) A Hambley 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAVE A NIGHTCAP neck 2nd of 15 to Raba Rita in a handicap hurdle here (AW, 3m, standard). ARCTIC OATS 16l 5th of 9 to Storm Drum in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter on penultimate start (3m 110yd, good to firm). PIMS GUNNER 15l 6th of 14 to The Green Fool in a handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (3m, good). FLYAWAY 5l 2nd of 6 to Court Circular in a handicap hurdle here (AW, 3m, standard). BAND OF HOPE 30¼l 4th of 11 to Storm Gold in a selling hurdle at Worcester (2m, heavy). DONNA'S TOKEN 25½l 5th of 8 to Edimbourg in a handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy).
Selection: HAVE A NIGHTCAP

3.20 STILTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,799: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

501 36P-053 GLOSSY 19 (C,G) (Ed Weetman Ltd) B McMahon 7-11-6 G Robertson (5) 78
502 104000- RAIN-N-SUN 249 (C,G) (Mrs M Bostock) J Harris 8-11-5 A Procter 90
503 P JULFAAR 5 (P Cunningham) J Pearce 7-11-4 J Twomey –
504 68500-0 PHARGOLD 14 (F) (D Emery) J Harris 5-11-4 P Ward (5) 78
505 F SOL ROUGE 4F (R Thompson) R Thompson 5-11-3 M Hourigan –
506 6600-63 CELTIC BOB 4 (C,F,G,S) (O O Neill) O O'Neill 14-11-2 P Maddock (5) 88
507 02PP-40 SILK DYNASTY 15 (J Carden) R Hollinshead 8-11-2 S Wynne 98

BETTING: 5-2 Glossy, 3-1 Celtic Bob, 4-1 Rain-N-Sun, 10-1 Phargold, Silk Dynasty, Sol Rouge, 16-1 Julfaar.

1993: SULLIK 8-11-10 S Wynne (6-4 fav) R Hollinshead 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLOSSY 30l 3rd of 11 to Shared Gold in a selling hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy). RAIN-N-SUN'S best effort last season came when beating Call Kypriaos 29l in a 10-runner claiming novice hurdle over course and distance. PHARGOLD 22l 7th of 17 to Sayant in a selling hurdle over course and distance. SOL ROUGE tailed off when falling 2 out. CELTIC BOB 30l 3rd of 6 to Easthope in a handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft). SILK DYNASTY 10l 4th of 14 to West Mondoze in a selling novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm).
Selection: CELTIC BOB

3.50 CHESHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,909: 2m) (6 runners)

601 1-3U06P WHEELER'S WONDER 22 (D,F,S) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 5-12-0 Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 97
602 0-41232 NORTHERN NATION 57 (CD,BF,G) (Ed Weetman Ltd) W Clay 6-11-5 Diane Clay 98
603 1P253-P SECRET CASTLE 27 (D,F) (I Baugh) B Baugh 6-11-4 T Wall 86
604 051-302 BABY ASHLEY 14 (CD,G) (R Hanley) D Morris 8-10-12 N Mann 89
605 LU2I-603 TRISTAN'S COMET 27 (CD,G) (D Wilcox) J Harris 7-10-0 B Dalton 95
606 000 ANDRATH 26 (D Jones) D Jones 6-10-0 W Humphreys 76

Long handicaps: Tristan's Comet 9-12, Andrath 9-6.

BETTING: 2-1 Northern Nation, 3-1 Baby Ashley, 5-1 Tristan's Comet, 6-1 Wheeler's Wonder, 8-1 others

1993: NORTHERN NATION 5-11-5 Diane Clay (9-1) W Clay 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHEELER'S WONDER 11½l 6th of 10 to Macedonas in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter on penultimate start (2m, good). NORTHERN NATION 10l 2nd of 7 to Tip It In in a 2m4yd handicap hurdle over course and distance. SECRET CASTLE 41½l 3rd of 13 to Seraphan in a claiming novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good to firm). BABY ASHLEY ½l 2nd of 17 to Sayant in a selling hurdle over course and distance. TRISTAN'S COMET 7l 3rd of 14 to Weekday Cross in a selling handicap hurdle at Folkestone (2m 110yd, good). ANDRATH 41l 9th of 17 to Pembleyate in a novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good).
Selection: NORTHERN NATION (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Banks	5	16	31.3	Diane Clay	21	49	42.9
M Pipe	15	56	26.8	S Smith Eccles	22	100	22.0
R Hollinshead	22	98	22.4	S Wynne	40	193	20.7
W Clay	15	74	20.3	J Osborne	4	20	20.0
D Morris	3	17	17.6	V Slattery	8	59	13.6
J Harris	23	132	17.4	B Dalton	6	45	13.3

☐ Today's meetings at Lingfield and Sedgefield have been abandoned, while tomorrow's card at Worcester has been called off because the course is under four feet of water. Prospects for another of tomorrow's cards, Market Rasen, and Towcester, on Friday, depend on the next 24 hours. The going on both courses is heavy and neither can take much more rain. Edinburgh report "no problem at the moment" for their card on Friday.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

£6.50, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £16.50. Trio: £20.90. CSF: £41.29. Tricast: £171.44.

2.00 (2m) 1, MEDIATOR (L Carter, 6-1); 2, Alqairawaan (M Perrett, 12-1); 3, Jawani (T Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Mrs Jawleytord (6th), 6 Wick Pound, 7 Malancolr (5th), 10 Dr Zeva, 12 Kovalevskaa (4th), 33 Nanny Margaret, 50 Five Castles, Pearly White. 11 ran. Nk, 1l, sh hd, 8l, 2l. A Moore at Woodingdean. Tote: £4.70: £2.10, £2.80, £1.80. DF: £58.90. Trio: £145.30. CSF: £64.81. Tricast: £344.25.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, MIDNIGHT JAZZ (Emma O'Gorman, 5-1); 2, Diskette (T Quinn, 9-4 fav); 3, Beverly Knight (L Dettori, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5 One Oil The Rail, 9 Stay With Me Baby, 10 Ibsen' (4th), 14 Stevie's Wonder (6th), 25 Confronter (5th). 8 ran. ¾l, 3½l, 1½l, shd, 1½l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £6.90: £2.30, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £8.10. CSF: £16.02. Tricast: £39.95.

3.00 (1m) 1, KINTWYN (S Whitworth, 9-4); 2, Selbyng (L Dettori, 11-8 fav); 3, Pondicherry (D Biggs, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Ishdiraa (4th), 33 Fitchin A Ride (5th). 5 ran. NR: North Arder. 2½l, 1l, 5l, nk. D Laing at Lambourn. Tote: £5.10. £4.30, £2.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £5.91.

3.30 (7f) 1, AGWA (D Biggs, 4-1); 2, Moon Strike (Paul Eddery, 10-1); 3, Village Green (B Doyle, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav So Rhythmical (4th), 5 Love Legend (6th), 6 African Chimes (5th), 7 Halbert, Lady Saba, 12 Fighting Temeraire. 9 ran. 2l, ¾l, nk, 3½l, 7l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £9.40: £1.40, £4.80, £2.10. DF: £37.70. Trio: £114.10. CSF: £40.69. Tricast: £410.02.

Jackpot: £7,927.20 (0.3 winning tickets. Pool of £7,717.01 carried forward to Southwell today). Placepot: £102.30.

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League spreads talent too thin

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

AS THE ice hockey season approaches the halfway mark, it seems likely that the British League premier division title will go to Scotland or Wales. Fife Flyers, Murrayfield Racers and the champions, Cardiff Devils, are beginning to pull away from the rest.

Durham Wasps missed an opportunity to stay in touch, losing 10-5 away to Humberside Hawks and 8-4 at home to Sheffield Steelers. Only three goals in the final period, when the Steelers had eased up, made the scoreline respectable for the Wasps.

Devils led Basingstoke Beavers 8-2 at the end of the second period, and the teams shared ten goals in the third as the home side won 13-7 on Sunday in a personal triumph for Rick Brebant, who scored eight goals and had four assists.

Such high-scoring, one-sided games are indicative of the problem facing the sport this season. The enlargement of *the premier division to 12* teams and the first division to 16 was not one of the better ideas to come from the British *Ice Hockey Association* (BIHA) as it spreads the available talent too thinly.

The sport still awaits a new sponsor after Heineken withdrew at the end of last season, and the BIHA is also taking its time over the appointment of a chief executive.

Great Britain started the season with a disappointing display in the Olympic elimination tournament at Sheffield, in which the strength of Slovakia and Latvia was too great for the British, and the short-sighted inclusion of several veteran players gave no pointer as to how the team might fare on their return to Pool A of the world championships in Italy in April.

The new year honours in British ice hockey must go to Peterborough Pirates. Despite facing the likelihood that their rink would be closed for good, started 1994 in the best possible way, beating Bracknell Bees 7-6.

TABLE

Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	21	17	4	0	174	100	34
Fife	22	16	5	1	162	94	33
Murrayfield	19	13	4	2	169	110	28
Sheffield	21	11	7	3	137	106	25
Durham	19	12	7	0	115	114	24
Nottingham	20	10	9	1	111	102	21
Whitley Bay	19	9	7	3	120	106	21
Humberside	21	9	11	1	135	131	19
Basingstoke	21	6	12	3	121	152	15
Bracknell	22	6	15	1	106	163	13
Peterborough	23	4	17	2	106	220	10
Billingham	22	4	18	0	117	230	8

First division

Northern conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Milton Keynes	22	17	5	0	227	121	34
Telford	21	14	2	5	183	120	33
Blackburn	23	12	6	5	206	154	29
Trafford	23	12	8	3	174	164	27
Solihull	24	9	14	1	176	198	19
Dumfries	20	7	10	3	156	176	17
Paisley	20	5	13	2	143	201	12
Oxford	22	1	20	1	121	302	3

Southern conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	20	17	2	1	191	100	35
Medway	22	13	7	2	163	107	28
Guildford	24	12	10	2	168	169	26
Romford	20	11	6	3	155	113	25
Swindon	22	11	9	2	183	157	24
Chelmsford	20	7	12	1	137	165	15
Streatham	20	4	14	2	96	150	10
Lee Valley	23	4	18	1	152	260	9

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Ailing South Africa look to injured Wessels

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN SYDNEY

IN A last, departing gesture of selfless courage, Kepler Wessels went out to try to save this second Test match late yesterday with a finger so badly broken that it has defeated his resolve to see this tour through.

He was still there at the close of a cloudless third day, wincing in pain from the finger and hobbling on his damaged knee but clinging to the belief that South Africa, although 29 runs adrift with two second-innings wickets gone, can still win on a deviously inconsistent pitch.

Wessels will fly home when this game ends, handing over the South Africa captaincy to Hansie Cronje for the remaining Test match and World Series Cup games. Peter Kirsten has been summoned to join the squad and, at 38, granted the unexpected chance to achieve his abiding ambition to tour England.

It is envisaged that Wessels will recover in time for the reciprocal series in South Africa at the beginning of March, though he will be aware that the captaincy must pass permanently to Cronje sooner rather than later. Wessels is intent on coming to England this summer but that is likely to be his swansong.

On what has been a tormented trip for him, there was something appropriate in Wessels being injured in dropping a catch. His team came here lauded, at their own bidding, as the best fielders in the world, but their frittering of catches has crippled their chance of competing almost as much as the fact that they have no Shane Warne.

There was no indication on Monday evening that Wessels had suffered anything more serious than split webbing when he spilled another precious slip catch. Not until he woke yesterday, with a headache to accompany a misshapen finger, was an X-ray deemed necessary and the compound fracture confirmed.

Now he had to submit to the medical urgings to rest that he had dismissed when his knee was examined. The official line was that he would bat here "only in an emergency". Typical of the man, Wessels regarded the developing situation as emergency enough and promoted himself in the order.

Appropriately, it was Cronje he went out to join for the final 40 minutes and, although every ball was a trial for them, that South Africa's two best and doughtiest batsmen were unbeaten overnight will have done nothing for the sleep of Allan Border's men.

Throughout the morning session and into the afternoon, Australia had patiently built on their advantage. Their five remaining wickets added 92 with much the best batting coming from Damien Martyn, still far from established in this side but looking a high-class Test player in the making.

He was lucky to receive the benefit of minimal doubt when Fanie de Villiers appealed for leg-before in the fourth over, but otherwise he batted with great composure in conditions prohibiting fluency and made 59 before de Villiers gained due reward for perseverance.

Allan Donald, who had begun the morning with four successive maidens and the wicket of Ian Healy, returned to finish off the tail, though not before Glenn McGrath had brought the most animated applause of the day from an 18,000 crowd by hitting his first runs on his home ground and surpassing his career-best score of eight.

Australia's lead of 123 was enough to have their most myopic supporters believing in a three-day victory when South Africa went in again in mid-afternoon. Such fancy was encouraged when Craig McDermott, bowling fast, aggressively and with the swing which has eluded him recently, had Hudson caught behind in his second over.

Just as in the first innings, however, the second-wicket pair of Cronje and Gary Kirsten were tougher to shift and it was more than two hours before McDermott struck again, hitting the left-handed Kirsten's off stump with an inswinger from round the wicket.

What of Warne? The trickery and the variety were there, but the magic touch of the first innings had abandoned him. Every over brought strangled shouts and despairing gestures, and in 18 overs, broken only for a change of ends, he conceded just 25 runs. There were no wickets for him but this was not one sensed an ongoing crisis.

Cronje, once the prankster of the team but now taking his elevation conspicuously seriously, got through with difficulty. His temperament is as impressive as his organised technique, and he seems sure to make runs in England this year, but his immediate ambitions remained too much at the mercy of this inadequate pitch.

None of the nine sessions in the game so far has produced 80 runs and the scoring rate throughout has been barely two an over. It has not been for want of trying so the statistic stands as a condemnation of a surface unsuitable for a five-day Test, for all the drama that may yet be produced.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 169 (G Kirsten 67; S K Warne 7 for 58).

Second Innings

A C Hudson c Healy b McDermott	1
G Kirsten b McDermott	41
W J Cronje not out	37
*K C Wessels not out	7
Extras (b 5, lb 1, nb 2)	8
Total (2 wkts)	94

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-75.

BOWLING: McDermott 13-5-23-2; McGrath 6-1-10-0, May 12-2-30-0; Warne 18-9-25-0; Border 1-1-0-0.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M A Taylor c Richardson b Donald	7
M-J Slater b Donald	92
D C Boon b de Villiers	19
M E Waugh lbw b Symcox	7
*A R Border c Richardson b de Villiers	49
D R Martyn c Richardson b de Villiers	59
†I A Healy c Richardson b Donald	19
S K Warne c Rhodes b Symcox	11
C J McDermott c Cronje b de Villiers	6
T B A May not out	8
G D McGrath b Donald	9
Extras (lb 1, lb 2, nb 3)	6
Total	292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-58, 3-75, 4-179, 5-178, 6-229, 7-250, 8-266, 9-281.

BOWLING: Donald 31.2-8-83-4; de Villiers 39-12-80-4; Matthews 28-11-44-0; Symcox 46-11-82-2.

Umpires: S Randell and W Sheahan.

President's Putter maintains eccentric tradition

By JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

CHRISTMAS has come and gone; the New Year, too. This means it must be time for the President's Putter, which in some circles is known as the opening event of the amateur golf season in Britain.

The Putter, competed for by members of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society, is amateur and is the first event of the season. But to anyone other than those directly interested in it, it can be, and is, seen as a fine example of the mad British at play. The Putter bears as much resemblance to other golf events as a Dunlop Warwick does to a Bridgestone Rextar Promodel balata-covered, three-piece 100 compression ball of the sort used by Nick Faldo.

Weather? The worse the better. The final last year was abandoned only when the wind had risen to 64mph (force 11) and the ball would not remain still long enough to be hit. Trolleys were blown over and the rain appeared to be ascending, not descending. "It wasn't very nice," Cliff Weight, secretary of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society, and last year's winner, said with true British understatement.

Type of play? Singles, matchplay, and woe betide any pair that takes more than three hours for 18 holes.

The setting for this unique event — in its 67th year, with the semi-finals and final on Sunday — is as much a testimony to British eccentricity as to amateur golf. It is staged in the Cinque port of Rye, the home of Henry James and the inspiration of E. H. Benson's *Mapp and Lucia* novels.

The club is celebrating its centenary and the Old Course is in good condition, though the Jubilee, its newer nine-hole companion, is very wet. Some matches may have to be moved to nearby Littlestone.

Since Fiona Macdonald Edmond, a Curtis Cup reserve, became eligible to compete — from the men's tees — in this otherwise male competition, she has attracted considerable attention. It was anticipated she would have done so again this year because she gave birth to a daughter, Megan, only six weeks ago.

Edmond, however, has scratched, saying that she cannot yet walk three miles. This is good news for her rivals because her last six rounds were 70, 70, 70, 70, 70 and 69, the latter recorded only six days before Megan's arrival.

Competitors have flown in from the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, Japan and Kenya and the field of 174 is bigger than in the past two years but smaller than the 1991 record of 180. Weight is defending the title he won for the second time and 12 other previous winners have entered. Peter Gracey will be one of the oldest competitors. It will be his 46th consecutive Putter.

If part of the charm of this competition is its historical appeal, then another part is the attraction of the course, a wonderful, wind-blown links, and an incongruous, understated tin-roofed clubhouse, in which ham and eggs are a speciality, the claret is cheap and the conversation witty.

So for five days — one hopes in the worst of weather because it is all part of the competition's appeal — reality is suspended. Golf will be played as it was meant to be played. This particular part of England, at this particular time of year, is a place that will be forever England.

Fox brings to close career that kicked off age of boot

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE retirement of Grant Fox from rugby union, while not unexpected, removes from the game one of its formative figures of modern times. That his decision comes at a time when points-scoring records continue to tumble because of the manner in which the laws are framed is, however, deeply ironic.

Fox, 31, hinted at retirement after the series between New Zealand and the British Isles last summer and confirmed his decision yesterday: "I have programmed for it and I am going to stick by my decision," the All Blacks and Auckland stand-off half said. "I will miss it, no doubt, but I have no interest or thought at the moment of getting involved in rugby in the near future."

Fox and Michael Lynagh, his Australia opposite number, have dominated rugby over the last decade because of their points-gathering ability. Lynagh, the world record-holder, is nearing 800 points while Fox finishes on 645 points from his 46 international appearances, the last of them against Western Samoa last July. In all appearances for the All Blacks, he scored 1,067 points and, in 189 games for Auckland, he scored 2,726 points.

Yet both he and Lynagh are far more than mere kicking machines. Lynagh's footballing ability has been recognised to a greater extent than that of Fox, partly because it took the New Zealander longer to mature as a tactician. In that, he was at one with his place of origin: New Zealanders have seldom produced flamboyant backs, but they have churned out master practioners, players whose ability to reap the highest possible percentage has been unmatched.



Fox: precise

Fox came to the attention of a wider audience when he dropped the goal that permitted Auckland to beat the 1983 Lions. His international debut came against Argentina in 1985, but he became a regular during the 1987 Rugby World Cup and then an integral part of the All Blacks' team that dominated world rugby until 1990. During that time, he developed into the key decision-maker, always erring on the side of pragmatism, but if opponents did not fear his ability to break the line with ball in hand, they learned to respect the accuracy of his play.

"He has raised goal-kicking to a new plane, single-handedly forcing us to revise sharply upwards the success-rate we expect from our leading marksmen," John Hart, Fox's coach for Auckland and, briefly, New Zealand, said. New Zealand's success ratio was in direct correlation to Fox's ability to score 14 or 15 points a match and allowed the team to express its skills in other ways.

His pinpoint kicking, at goal and out of hand, was the result of incessant practice, and his confidence in his own ability gave him the base from which to express himself better, on and off the field. A very intense player, Fox underwent a period of self-examination after New Zealand's relative failure in the 1991 Rugby World Cup and emerged as a competitor still capable of contributing to the new-look All Blacks established by Laurie Mains during 1992 and 1993. Nevertheless, Fox said he regarded the 1987 All Blacks as superior to the present team.

Yet his increasing commitment as a business manager with Harvard Sports Marketing and other family demands have brought a conclusion to his playing career at a time when so many of his Auckland contemporaries, who dominated New Zealand rugby during the Eighties, have gone or are going from the scene. As New Zealand discovered at Twickenham in November, he will not be easily replaced.

HUW JOHN



The charge of Booth, of Wales Schools, is halted by Henderson, of Scotland, in the 18-Group match at Llanwern yesterday

Wales offer hope for future in victory

Wales Schools	35
Scotland Schools	8

By GERALD DAVIES

THE senior schools' teams of both these countries have carried their respective flags proudly when they have gone on trips overseas. Wales went to New Zealand in 1990 and succeeded where no other Welsh team has, and Scotland went to Australia last summer and also won.

Clubs in Wales are reaping the benefits this year from the class of 1990, as many of them are now playing in the Heineken League. Scott Quinnell, who will win his second cap in ten days' time, Adam Palfrey, also a Cambridge blue this year, and Matthew Wintle, are in the national squad.

On the evidence of Wales's first international of the 18-Group series at Llanwern yesterday, which they won by the comfortable margin of a goal, five tries and a penalty to a try and a penalty, the future promises well for Wales. Perhaps less so for Scotland, who have also lost 21-17 to France. However, they consistently do better with fewer resources when the players mature.

Apart from the third quarter, when Scotland threatened a revival when they were 18-3 down, Wales dominated. At no stage at any level in recent years can a Welsh team have dominated the crucial area of the lineout as they did here; it formed the substantial foundation upon which their victory was built. The controlled deflections, the clean, double-handed catching and quick distribution of Watkins and Gardiner provided ample opportunities for the talented threequarters.

For long periods in the first half, this meant that Scotland rarely had the ball. When they did, Nathan Thomas and Martyn Williams, ensured that there was little room for their opponents to manoeuvre. Williams seemed to pop up everywhere.

Difficult though it was for them in these circumstances, Dalgleish and Weston, the Scotland half backs, still managed to catch the eye with the way they attempted to guide their team out of its predicament.

It was not so much Wales's scores that impressed, rather the manner in which they were made. There was some stylish running, support play and quick passing which their elders might care to follow at the Arms Park next week. This was epitomised in the first two tries after Morris had kicked a penalty. A tap from the lineout and a drive by Alexander, the prop, established a ruck on the left, from which Wales spread the ball to the right. A half break by Morris, passing behind the defenders' backs, gave Thomas his first try.

Quick passing by the three-quarters after the forwards had gathered a loose ball created the second try for Garfield, Gardiner added a third and, in the second half, Thomas sprinted 50 yards for his second, and Williams and Walne also crossed for Wales. Bull scored Scotland's solitary try towards the end.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: A Thomas (2), Garfield, Gardiner, Williams, Walne. Conversion: Morris. Penalty: Morris. Scotland: Try: Bull. Penalty: Mallinson.

WALES SCHOOLS: G Wells (Llandovery, captain); M Garfield (Maesteg), N Walne (Caerleon), T Davies (Mons Y Dderwen), A Thomas (Gowerton); D Morris (Neath), D Hawkins (Neath); P Booth (Millfield), J Richards (Fishguard), G Alexander (Llanelli), N Thomas (Llandovery), S Gardiner (Cross Keys), N Watkins (Neath), M Williams (Coed Y Lan), B Field (St David's College).

SCOTLAND SCHOOLS: K Baillie (Hutchesons' GS); D Bull (Stewart's Melville College), A Bulloch (Hutchesons' GS), A Taylor (Harrod'el), D Mallinson (Watson's College); G Dalgleish (Gateshels Academy), J Weston (Merchiston Castle, captain); P Fitzgerald (Dollar Academy), M Bancroman (Hawick HS), I McLaren (Watson's College), G Ingils (Hutchesons' GS), G Macfarlane (Kelvinside Academy), I Fullerton (Merchiston Castle), I Sinclair (Kelvinside Academy), J Henderson (Strathallan).

Referee: J Weston (RFU).

Elder to manage British team

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

VERONA Elder, who has competed a record 71 times for Britain, was yesterday named the new manager of the national team for 1994, the busiest year British athletics has known.

Elder, 40, succeeds Joan Allison, who stood down last year. Her selection for the honorary post won the approval of Linford Christie, Britain's 100 metres Olympic and world champion and the men's team captain.

The Romford-based Elder said: "Before I took the job I spoke to Linford and he said: 'Don't worry, I will be there for you if you need me. You have all my support'." Elder's first championship assignment will be the European indoors in Paris from March 11 to 13. It was in the European indoor championships that she enjoyed her greatest successes, winning the 400 metres titles three times.

Elder made her international debut at the age of 17 and competed until she was 30, when she retired to become a mother. Within a year of her son's birth, she was taking her first steps in management with the junior team. "I was back involved almost as soon as I left," she said.

Her experience of the championship scene, as athlete and manager, is considerable. It will stand her in good stead in a year which includes European indoor as well as outdoor championships, the European Cup, World Cup, and matches against Russia and the United States. "The first thing I am going to do is buy myself a mobile phone," Elder said.

Elder ran in two Olympics, in Munich (1972) and Montreal (1976); she won four medals at the Commonwealth Games of 1974 and 1978, two silvers in the 400 metres and two in the relay; she competed in three European outdoor championships, reaching two finals.

She became the British women's team assistant manager in 1989 and manager in 1992. She has experience at management level from Olympic Games, world championships and European championships.

Though Elder, like her predecessor, is a former successful international athlete, she leads a working life outside the sport. She is a college lecturer and mother; Allison was team manager while helping to run the International Athletes' Club. Elder's first fixture in charge will be the indoor match against Russia in Glasgow on January 29.

Malik proves point to Welsh

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

WELSH selectors must be reading the results from the SRA British junior open squash championships with some discomfort. Tegwen Malik, their Swansea-based national champion, yesterday played her way unseeded into the final of the under-19 event at Lambs Club, London, with an extraordinary 9-0, 9-0, 9-4 dismissal of the second-seeded Natarsha Tippett, of Australia.

Malik, still only 18 and devoting a year to squash between successful A-levels and taking a place at Bristol University to read mathematics and physics, is based at the Swansea Lawn Tennis and Squash Club, although she is London-born. She has not been selected for the Welsh junior team contesting the under-19 home internationals in Cardiff next weekend, despite her surprise victory in the Welsh senior final before Christmas, and could well now take up an offer to play for England instead.

In earlier rounds she removed Jane Thacker, England's fifth-ranked junior, and Donia Leeves, the third-seeded British closed under-19 champion.

"The Welsh SRA insist that Tegwen has not fulfilled their criteria of playing in specific Welsh junior events," her father Nasrullah Malik, said yesterday. "I don't know what more a junior can do than win the senior national title. We have to look seriously at the possibilities of her birthright to English selection. It would be ironic if she turned up in Cardiff wearing an England shirt. Certainly the attitude of the Welsh SRA has inspired her this week. I think. She feels she has a point to prove here."

More points were being made in the boys' events yesterday. Adam Toes, of Yorkshire, reclaimed his position as England's leading junior with a 9-4, 9-1, 9-1 win over the second-seeded Paul Hargrave of Derby and today meets the Egyptian favourite, Ahmad Barada, in the final of the under-19 event.

RESULTS: Boys: Under-19: Semi-finals: A Barada (Egypt) bt O El Borolosy (Egypt) 9-6, 9-2, 9-4; A Toes (Eng) bt P Hargrave (Eng) 9-4, 9-1, 9-1. Under-18: Quarter-finals: A Faizy (Egypt) bt P Taylor (Eng) 9-7, 9-5, 9-3; J Russell (Eng) bt A Shabana (Egypt) 4-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-3; K El Mestikawy (Egypt) bt G Schadbauer (Austria) 9-0, 5-9, 9-2, 9-5; A Stevenson (Eng) bt M Soo (Malaysia) 5-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-2. Under-14: Semi-finals: J Smith (Eng) bt G Evans (Eng) 9-0, 9-0, 9-3; Ong Beng Hee (Malaysia) bt M Zaman (Pakistan) 5-9, 9-7, 9-7, 10-8. Girls: Under-19: Semi-finals: J Trenfield (Eng) bt N Grainger (South Africa) 9-6, 6-9, 9-3, 10-8; T Malik (Wales) bt N Tippet (Australia) 9-0, 9-0, 9-4. Under-18: Semi-finals: P Kiaronen (Finland) bt T Bailey (Eng) 9-3, 9-3; 10-8; K Hannes (Belgium) bt L Hamilton (Scot) 9-5, 9-4, 10-8.

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BOTILLAGE

(c) The act of tying up in bottles or bundles, from the French *bottelage, botteler* to tie in bottles; Nichols, *Progresses of Queen Elizabeth*, 1576: "Measuring, carriage, and botillage of wheat."

ALOUT

(b) *To stoop, bow down, or fall over*, from the OE *lútian* to lurk, and the strong *alútan* to stoop: "He [the statue of Romulus] alouted upon the same night when Christ was born of a pure virgin."

VOTEEN

(a) A very religious person, a devotee, probably from *devote* and *devotee*, but, since most of the references occur in Irish writing, note the Irish equivalent *móidim* to dedicate or devote: "Up near the altar you might perceive a voteen, repeating some new prayer or choice piece of devotion."

YAPOCK

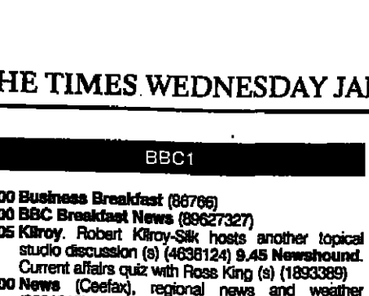
(b) The South American water-opossum, *Chironectes variegatus*, having webbed toes, from *Oyapok*, name of a river between French Guiana and Brazil, spelt earlier *Wiapoco*: "The aquatic Yapock (*Chironectes*) feeds on fish and smaller animals."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Bxd5 Rxd5 (1 ... Nxd5 2 Ne6+) 2 Qb8+ Ne8 (2 ... Ke7 3 Qxc7+) 3 Ne6+ with decisive material gain.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (86766)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89627327)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts another topical studio discussion (s) (4638124) **9.45 Newsbound**. Current affairs quiz with Ross King (s) (1893389)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9091018) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (5140327)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Family magazine programme **10.40** Advice Clinic **10.45** Relax **11.00** News and weather **11.10** Touch of Love **11.30** Video Horoscope **11.45** The club a new series based at Newcastle United FC **11.50** Advice phone-in **12.00** News and weather (s) (61850940)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Actor Andrew Sachs is Ross King's guest (4417698) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (67632698)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (97211)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (13658327)
1.50 XYZ. Alphabet quiz game with George Marshall (s) (13652143)
2.15 Hawaii Five-O. Police drama series starring Jack Lord. This week McGarret investigates the murder of a millionaire (r) (5799921)
3.05 Today's Gourmet. American chef Jacques Pepin shows how to cook salmon fillets on a bed of spinach, chicken legs stewed in wine, and baked bananas (1202563)
3.30 Cartoon Double Bill (7581940) **3.45 SuperTed** (r) (7733853) **3.55 Bitsa**. Caitlin Easterby and Simon Pascoe show how to turn junk into works of art (s) (7577747) **4.10 Jackanory** (r) (s) (9332650) **4.20 Popeye and Son** (1782018)
4.35 CHOICE **The Really Wild Show**. (Ceefax) (9682495)
5.00 Newsround (4311747) **5.10 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men**. Return of the comedy series, starring Tony Robinson as the Sheriff of Nottingham. (Ceefax) (s) (1719872)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (224940). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey (Ceefax) and weather (969)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (921). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours



Harrison Ford seeks the Holy Grail (7.00pm)

7.00 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989). The last in Steven Spielberg's three action adventures about the whip-cracking archaeologist played by Harrison Ford. Sean Connery appears as his father, a medieval scholar. Together they pit their wits against the Nazis in a race to find the Holy Grail. (Ceefax) (s) (85476)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Weather (8872)
9.30 CHOICE **The Family Show**. Live studio discussion (98650)
11.00 FILM: Terms of Endearment (1983), starring Shirley MacLaine and Jack Nicholson, who won two of the film's five Oscars. MacLaine plays an eccentric widow who has a stormy relationship with her married daughter played by Debra Winger. Nicholson is the lecherous neighbour. Directed by James L. Brooks (Ceefax) (76057871)
1.10 Weather (5920849) Ends at **1.15**
2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (473693) **3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television** (12780)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (8729637)
8.15 The History Man. Bryan McNerney looks at holy wells and streams in Cornwall (r) (1383037) **8.20 Star Paws**. A documentary on the people who train and supply animal celebrities (r) (5536018)
9.00 FILM: The Chiltern Hundreds (1949, b/w) starring Cecil Parker. Ealing-style comedy in which a young viscount stands for Parliament as the Labour candidate only to be beaten by the family's butler as the Tory candidate. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (6460327)
10.25 FILM: Penny Serenade (1941, b/w). Tearjerker starring Cary Grant. Directed by George Stevens (37731143)
12.20 The Europeans. A look at Britons living in Germany (r) (2657143) **12.30 Ellen's Story**. How overcoming illiteracy helped Ellen recover from a disastrous start to adult life (r) (9416360)
1.20 Fireman Sam. Animation (r) (44154582) **1.30 Stoppit and Tidyup** (r) (98642056) **1.35 Oddie in Paradise**. Bill Oddie visits the mountains of Papua New Guinea (r) (26210834)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (15263766)
2.05 In the Garden. January (31945178) **2.15 Wilderness is Not a Place**. A look at the changing face of an estuary which is a haven for birds (82873124) **2.35 CountryFile** (r) (s) (9571211)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7550766)
3.05 World Darts. Highlights (s) (8863414) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (7738308)
4.00 Catchword. Word game (s) (834) **4.30 World Darts** (75389)
5.30 Food and Drink (r) (s) (998)
6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction adventures (r) (s) (373327)
6.50 Def II: Reportage. Young people's current affairs series (s) (137872)
7.30 D Energy – Lift Off Special. The winners of the *Lift Off* competition re-recording their track and filming their pop promotion (s) (393230)
7.45 On the Line. A return of the investigative sports magazine (s) (380389)
8.15 Dance for the Camera. The theme is the Hollywood Western with dancers performing choreographed bar room brawls (s) (887414)
8.30 FILM: Mr and Mrs Bridge (1990), starring Paul Newman. The lives of a stuffy lawyer and his wife in the 1940s are thrown into turmoil by their rebellious children. Directed by James Ivory (52679)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (123327)
11.15 World Darts. The first quarter-final (s) (274414) **12.15am Weather** (8078964)



The Irish rock band U2 on tour (12.20am)

12.20 FILM: U2 – Rattle and Hum (1988, colour and b/w). Documentary account of U2 on their *Joshua Tree* world tour. Directed by Phil Joanou (s) (160099). Ends **2.00**

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CHOICE



Maverick cop Leslie Grantham, centre (ITV, 9.00pm)

99-1
ITV, 9.00pm

Television's latest cop show takes its title from the observation (uncredited) that police work is 99 per cent boredom and 1 per cent terror. These proportions are, thankfully, not reflected in the opening episode, most of which falls somewhere between the two. Played by Leslie Grantham, the hero is a cynical, rule-bending detective who drinks and smokes too much and has a broken marriage. If this sounds like most television detectives, then the writer Terry Johnson (best-known for the play and film *Insignificance*) must plead guilty. So far *99-1* scores more on competence than originality. But judgment must be suspended until next week. That is when the series starts in earnest with the Grantham character going under cover.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

In the reporting of the Bosnian tragedy the prime villains are usually the Serbs. This film suggests that they have no monopoly on atrocities. Determined to set up their own nation state in the Bosnian ruins, the Croats, too, have resorted to concentration camps, ethnic cleansing, torture and starvation. The difference is that the West has been less ready to condemn them. The programme reveals that Croat and Serb leaders met secretly in 1991 to agree a carve-up of Bosnia. The victims were the Muslims. In Mostar the Muslim majority was brutally displaced so that the Croats could claim the city as their capital. The film includes interviews with most of the key players and treads a lucid path through a complex subject.

The Family Show
BBC1, 9.30pm

In case you had missed the fact, 1994 is the International Year of the Family. Television is unlikely to let you forget. The first big salvo comes tonight when Nick Ross and the newsreader-turned-professional-holidaymaker Jill Dando preside over a studio full of experts discussing such matters as the disciplining of children and the future of marriage. The serious chat is interspersed with comedy spots featuring Ruby Wax, Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden, while Esther Rantzen launches a national survey about the care and concerns of older people. There is also a free BBC booklet, offering a guide to bodies which help and support families. It has a foreword by the Princess of Wales. No jokes, please.

The Really Wild Show
BBC1, 4.35pm

The junior wildlife programme returns with a new presenter and even more exotic locations. Joining Michaela Strachan and Chris Packham is Howie Watkins, bespectacled, enthusiastic and first sighted up a tree making mysterious howling noises. The locations include Belize in Central America where poor farmers have got together to help save the black howler monkey. They have done so by not cutting down trees. Good for them. Moths are also on the bill, as are South African wild dogs. And in emulation of the dung beetle two teams of youngsters compete to roll huge balls of (simulated) excrement towards a hole. As elsewhere on this jolly show, fun and instruction run side by side. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. (13629815)
9.25 Win Lose or Draw. Parlour game show hosted by Shane Richie (997148)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7707438)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. John Stapleton hosts topical studio discussion (s) (9329186)
10.35 This Morning. Family magazine programme with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes dieting advice from Rosemary Conley. (Teletext) (9319709) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1752877)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News and weather (9650896) **12.55 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (8850490)
1.25 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (5735544)
1.55 Chrystal's Style Guide. Chrystal Rose presents tips on how to look your best for a special occasion (s) (774490)
2.20 A Country Practice. Wandin Valley loses a much-loved character (s) (159)
2.50 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (821)
3.20 News headlines (7099) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (235)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (3419) **3.40 Allsorts**. The Allsorts team is back with a new series (s) (5254) **3.50 Old Bear Stories**. Animation (s) (5322) **4.05 Scooby Doo**. Cartoon (67235) **4.20 Avenger Penguins**. Cartoon (134728) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures**. Cartoons (Teletext) (s) (2786656)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (20284562)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (11587)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (82230)
7.00 Emmerdale. The village pulls together in the face of adversity. (Teletext) (7785)
7.30 Coronation Street. The staff of Bettabuys are under the cloud of redundancy (Teletext) (501)



Musical interlude with Phil Collins (8.00pm)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. Tonight's guests are Naomi Campbell and Phillip Schofield with music from Phil Collins and Wet Wet Wet (s) (2899)
9.00 [redacted] **99-1**. Leslie Grantham in the first of a six-part crime drama series. (Teletext) (s) (2655)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (58785) **10.30 London Tonight** (688389)
10.40 FILM: Predator (1987), starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. Members of an elite group of commandos on a rescue mission in the South American jungle are killed one by one by an unseen alien enemy. Directed by John McTiernan (32402853)
12.40am The Equalizer. American crime series, starring Edward Woodward. A woman has trouble convincing people she witnessed a murder in a high-rise block because there is no body (1964438)
1.30 Hollywood Report. News and gossip from America's film capital (s) (51148)
2.00 Chrystal's Style Guide. A repeat of this afternoon's programme (s) (76506)
2.30 The Album Show. Lynn Parsons presents the best-selling albums of 1993 (s) (97322)
3.30 Family Theatre. A young orphan wins his battle to save the life of a blind dog (6523235)
4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (36341)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (99998)
5.30 ITN Morning News (76322) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Pole Position. Cartoon (5929259)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. (87834)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American quiz show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (35834)
9.30 FILM: William at the Circus (1948, b/w). Based on the *Just William* books by Richmal Crompton, this story has William and the Outlaws demanding shorter school hours. His parents promise to take him to the circus if he manages to behave himself. Directed by Val Guest (43279969)
11.10 FILM: Nutty but Nice (1940, b/w). The Three Stooges try to reunite a sick girl with her father (5687056)
11.30 The World at your Feet. Today's walk covers 45 miles of the rugged Pacific coast in British Columbia (r) (Teletext) (15650)
12.30 Sesame Street with musician Tito Puente (11969) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Clangers, Paddington** and **Ivor the Engine** (r) (71124)
2.00 FILM: Come to the Stable (1949, b/w). Comedy drama with Loretta Young and Celeste Holm as two French nuns struggling to build a children's home in New England. Directed by Henry Koster (197056)
3.40 Air Globes. Short film from Colombia about two boys' Christmas wishes (7570834)
3.55 Putting Art in its Place. A new series which looks the new wave of art works commissioned for public places in Britain. The work of the environmental lobby group, Common Ground, is featured today as well as artists, Simon Page and John Maine (4022292)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (36498858)
5.00 Oprah Winfrey. Oprah reunites lovers separated by time and distance (Teletext) (s) (41821858)
5.50 Laural and Hardy. Cartoon (r) (2214484)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Mork has to come to terms with the fact that Mr Bickley's son is blind (r) (70649)
6.30 A Different World. American college comedy series (s) (259)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) and weather (735563) **7.50 Comment** by psychotherapist David Ruscombe-King on the demise of the London Borough of Hounslow's Berkeley Centre (908211)
8.00 Brookside. A well-kept secret in the Dixon household is revealed. (Teletext) (s) (1747)
8.30 Travelog. Pete McCarthy revisits Fiji and is relieved to discover that tourism has not destroyed the way of life. (Teletext) (s) (3582)



A Croat in the Bosnian city of Mostar (9.00pm)

9.00 [redacted] **Dispatches**. (Teletext) (302211)
9.45 Trial and Error. David Jessel looks back at the cases of Mary Druhan and Mark Cleary and previews two new cases (Teletext) (433018)
10.00 Comics. Second and final part of the thriller by Lynda La Plante, creator of *Prime Suspect*. Johnny has botched his appearance on the *Michael Aspel Show* and the killers are closing in on him. (r) (Teletext) (s) (44897414)
12.05 Flying Blind. American comedy in which a college graduate finds his factory job dull until he meets the uninhibited Alicia (s) (3996902)
12.35 LA Law. (r) (2465780) Ends at **1.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **7.00** Bruno Brookes **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Johnnie Walker in the Afternoon **6.00** News '94 **6.30** Evening Session **9.00** Newman and Baddiel News from their tour as well as gig reports **10.00** Mark, Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Adrian Love **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Angela Rippon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Womanfolk **8.30** Harding with a Mike **9.00** Anita Bhatia's Across Two Cultures **9.30** Nigel Ogden The Organist Entertains. See Choice **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

5.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** All in the Family **10.25 AM** Alternative **12.30pm** Education Matters **1.10** The Crunch with Liz Kershaw **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **5.30** Kiss Me Quick. Comedy soap (3/30) **7.15** Bedknob and Broomstick (8/10) **7.30** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **9.15** Barmy Army The worst in football songs (r) **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin Tips for Tourists **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Development '94 **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The Multitrack Sessions **8.30** Quote, Unquote **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** Science or Fiction? **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus: **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** Trees **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf *Off the Rails* **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** Uncommonered Trifles **3.30** J. Kingston Platt **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoscop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Multitrack 2 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** J Kingston Platt **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** The Farming World **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sports International **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Assignment **4.00** World News **4.15** The Farming World

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Bartók (Violin Concerto No 2 Kyoko Takezawa London Symphony Orchestra under Michael Tilson Thomas) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Book Browse. Travel guides **8.00** Evening Concert celebrates the birthday of Alfred Brendel. Haydn (Piano Concerto in C Minor); Mussorgsky (Pictures at an Exhibition) **10.00** Jamie Crick **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Tommy Rivers

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News And Weather (5128747) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News And Weather (2681969) **1.55** Emmerdale (26223308) **2.25** Gardening Time (87550872) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3867698) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (5752211) **6.00** Home And Away (553105) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News & Weather (992501) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (688389) **12.40am** Film: A Matter Of Wife...And Death (4463167) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6903099) **2.35** The Album Show (4864070) **3.30** Nita Bites (35687506) **3.40** Rock Sport (59067362) **3.55** Jobfinder (8435964) **4.35-5.30** Sport A.M. (2310612)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 Emmerdale (26223308) 2.25 Shortland Street (87550872) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3867698) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (5752211) **6.00** Home And Away (553105) **6.25-7.00** Central News (992501) **10.30-10.40** Central News (688389) **12.40am** Hollywood Report (80852541) **1.10** The Album Show (4703070) **2.10** Cue The Music (7176167) **3.10** Secret Services (3679148) **4.15** Jobfinder (1850983) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4208457)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Home And Away (1654105) **1.25** A Country Practice (890056476) **1.50** Coronation Street (26224037) **2.20** Emmerdale (87542853) **2.50-3.20** Sons And Daughters (3867698) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (5752211) **6.00** Home And Away (227) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (389) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (688389) **12.40am** Film: A Matter Of Wife...And Death (4463167) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6903099) **2.35** The Album Show (4864070) **3.30** Nita Bites (35687506) **3.40** Rock Sport (59067362) **3.55** Jobfinder (8435964) **4.35-5.30** Sport A.M. (2310612)

VARIATIONS

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13646582) **2.20** Emmerdale (87542853) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3867698) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (297850) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (227) **6.30-7.00** Pelin's Column (389) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (688389) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (99998)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 Emmerdale (13646582) 2.20 Action Time (87542853) 2.50 The Young Doctors (9589230) 3.15-3.20 Crusader Rabbit (7560143) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (909766) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (389) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (688389) **1.35am** Hollywood Report (8601983) **2.05** Videofashion (6903099) **2.35** The Album Show (4852235) **3.35** Noisy Mothers (2148506) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (46812)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 Emmerdale (26223308) 2.25 Travel Trails (87541124) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (9588501) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (82230) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (688389) **12.40am** Film: A Matter Of Wife...And Death (4463167) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6903099) **2.35** The Album Show (4864070) **3.30** Nita Bites (35687506) **3.40** Rock Sport (59067362) **3.55** Jobfinder (8435964) **4.35-5.30** Sport A.M. (2310612)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV News (5126747) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV News (2681969) **1.55** A Country Practice (13646582) **2.20-2.50** Gardening Time (87542853) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (7568327) **5.00** HTV News (227) **6.30-7.00** Wish You Were Here ? (389) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (688389) **12.40am** Film: A Matter Of Wife...And Death (4463167) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6903099) **2.35** The Album Show (4864070) **3.30** Nita Bites (35687506) **3.40** Rock Sport (59067362) **3.55** Jobfinder (8435964) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (2310612)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales At Six (227) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News & Weather (688389)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 Emmerdale (13646582) **2.20** Action Time (87542853) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (9589230) **3.15-3.20** Crusader Rabbit (7560143) **5.55** Calendar (909766) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (389) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (688389) **1.35am** Hollywood Report (8601983) **2.05** Videofashion (6903099) **2.35** The Album Show (4852235) **3.35** Noisy Mothers (2148506) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (46812)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (87834) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (35834) **9.30** Film: William At The Circus (43279969) **11.10** The Three Stooges (5687056) **11.30** The World At Your Feet (15650) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (1677056) **12.55** Audrey Hepburn Remembered (4227124) **2.10** Film: The Out Of Towners (822230) **4.00** Slot 23 (2696) **5.00** Gamesmaster (5583) **5.30** Countdown (766) **6.00** Newyddion (668143) **6.20** Owlem Serch (535834) **6.25** Heno (990143) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5327) **7.30** Jacpot (143) **8.00** Glan Hafren (1747) **8.30** Newyddion (3582) **9.00** Prs Y Ferchnad (8747) **10.00** Brookside (56327) **10.30** Film: Slaves Of New York (80296476) **12.50am** Dispatches (2077525)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Granville Bantock (Overture, The Pierrot of the Minute); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Op 19 Nos 3 and 4); Monteverdi (Concerto Grosso, Op 3 No 12); Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue); Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture, Francesca da Rimini)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Elgar (Sun Dance, The Wand of Youth, Overture, In the South, Alassio, Violin Concerto in B minor — second movement: Scopn; Symphony No 2 in E flat — third movement)
10.00 Midweek Choice: Britten (Young Apollo), Haydn (Symphony No 2 in C), Hindemith (Horn Sonata); Butterworth (The Banks of Green Willow), Field (Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat), Barber (Dover Beach, Op 3); Merkel (Sonata in D minor, Op 30), Schubert (Adagio in G, D178), Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Markus Stenz (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Amanda Roocroft, soprano, Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Haydn (Cantata, Berenice che fai); Schubert (Suleika, Die Abgeblühte Linde; Heimliches Lieben, Gretchen am Spinnrade); Britten (On This Island)
2.00 Norwegian Chamber Orchestra under Iona Brown, violin, with Lars Anders Tomter, viola, perform Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 9 in C), Schoenberg (Verklärte Nacht), Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, K364)
3.30 Bach's Violin Partitas: Sigiswald Kuijken, violin, performs Partita No 1 in B minor, BWV 1002 (1/3)
4.00 Epiphany Carol Service, live from the chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Magic of My Youth **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, presented by Libby Purves and Brian Hayes
10.00-10.30 On the Hoof (FM only): Pam Cockerill talks to Clive Musgrave about his passion for point-to-point riding
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Matthew (7/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *North and South*. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Ide Hill Gardening Society in Kent question the experts (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Letters of Introduction: A mystery serial by Peter Whalley (1/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Sherlock Holmes: His Last Bow; *Wisteria Lodge*, the first of eight mysteries dramatised by Bert Coules
2.45 Strange Tales from the Pantry: Sue Phillips muses on the curious lives of everyday edibles. Today, tea
3.00 News; Blind Eye: Tim Sebastian's four-part investigation of the role of the "enterprise" crook (r)
3.30 Dangerous to Know, by Michael and Melissa Bakewell. The life of Lord Byron (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley reviews *Farewell My Concubine*, the joint winner of the Cannes film festival
4.45 Short Story: I Will Be Nicer, by Nigel Williams
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Women's Troubles: See Choice
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates listeners' complaints
7.45 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on medical care
8.15 The Correspondents Look Ahead: BBC foreign correspondents tell of their hopes and fears for 1994. David McNeil is in the chair
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address, by Lee Langley. Read by Juliet Stevenson (6/6)
11.00 Dear Diary: Simon Brett looks at diary extracts for New Year's Eve (r)
11.30 What Comes After P? Stephen Jameson joins the queue (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Women's Troubles. *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*
The last time BBC radio had a women's panel game must have been *Petticoat Line* in the far-off days when Radio 4 was the Home Service. It was mildly feminist and sexually correct, and what few anti-male jokes we heard were anything but malicious. In violent contrast, *Women's Troubles* is the sex war fought one-sidedly with no weapons barred and no words proscribed. There is talk of Sweep the glove puppet's genitals, of Tampax and PMT, and whether a woman who slaps her man should expect a slap in return.

Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains. *Radio 2, 9.30pm.*
Even its loyal army of fans will find it hard to believe that this theatre-organ series has now entered its silver jubilee year. It has been kissed by the spirit of vigorous youth. The celebrations open tonight with Nigel Ogden's look-back on some incandescent moments. Sandy Macpherson at the State Kilburn Wurlitzer, playing the "Stephanie Gavotte" for instance, and Robin Richmond on the Wurlitzer of Manchester's vanished Gaumont, performing "After You've Gone" long after *it* had gone. **Peter Davalle**


WAKE UP TO A CLASSIC BREAKFAST SHOW.
DAILY 6-9A.M.
CLASSIC FM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (89341872) **8.40** Lamb Chops (75895785) **9.10** Cartoons (2271921) **9.30** Card Sharks (25785) **9.55** Concentration (2823501) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6343834) **10.50** Love at First Sight (75476) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (20363) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (39056) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (23501) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (28055) **2.00** Masada (10156) **3.00** Another World (89722259) **3.45** DJ Kat (25857768) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3360) **6.00** Games World (2501) **6.30** Paradise Beach (3853) **7.00** Rescue (1999) **7.30** Growing Pains (9037) **8.00** Hunter (59853) **9.00** Picket Fences (43389) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (48478) **11.00** The Untouchables (41056) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (33780) **1.00am** Night Court (22235) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (51235)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (11476) **9.30** Nightline (32037) **10.30** Fashion TV (91292) **11.30** Japan Business (57650) **12.30pm** News and Business (35768) **1.30** News (85227) **4.30** News and Business (9350) **5.00** Live at Five (189478) **7.30** Fashion TV (7678) **8.30** Talkback (19573) **11.30** CBS News (89852) **12.30am** ABC News (18029) **1.30** Fashion (63815) **2.30** Those Were the Days (19631) **3.30** Talkback (98146) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (91196) **5.30-6.00** News (30544)

SKY MOVIES

6.20am Showcase (77430563)
10.00 Knightrider 2000 (1991): David Hasselhoff hunts an assassin (976919)
12.00 Genghis Khan (1965): Omar Shant stars as the Mongol ruler (43833899)
2.05pm Little House on the Prairie (1974): Pilot episode of the television series (352921)
4.00 The Diamond Trap (1988): Twiggy helps US cops investigate a heist (8252)
6.00 Knightrider 2000 (as 10am) (40292)
8.00 Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (1991): Christina Applegate takes over when the family childminder dies (52037)
10.00 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991): Thriller with Dolph Lundgren (3888292)
11.20 Young Lady Chatterley (1978): Lady Chatterley's niece discovers her aunt's diary and searches for a gamekeeper (378769)
1.20am Hotel Room (1992): A bizarre trio of David Lynch films (5143222)
3.00 Cotton Comes to Harlem (1970): Comedy about a bogus preacher (7468148)
4.35 Bruce Lee: Martial Arts Master: Documentary (84848612). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Captain Blood (1935, b/w): Medic Errol Flynn turns pirate (35308)
8.00 Missing (1982): Jack Lemmon's son is missing in Chile after the coup (30853)
10.00 The Border (1982): Jack Nicholson plays a corrupt border guard who falls for a Mexican woman (19768). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Pigeon That Took Rome (1962): Spy Charlton Heston sneaks reports out of occupied Rome by pigeon (86143)
8.00 Ali Baba: Animated classic (52360)
9.00 Around the World in 80 Days: Ballooning fun with Jules Verne (88872)
10.00 Stargazer (1952). A plantation owner leaves his estate to a slave's son (70948327)
11.40 King Lear (1971): Paul Scofield plays Lear in the epic tragedy (86491143)
2.00pm The Little Marines (1990): Teenagers go camping in Arkansas (88868)
4.00 Chance of a Lifetime (1990): Betty White falls in love with Leslie Nielsen (9834)
6.00 Ali Baba (as 8am) (24230)
7.00 Around the World in 80 Days (as 9am) (63143)
8.00 Until the End of the World (1991): Wim Wenders's futuristic road film stars William Hurt (38510705)
10.35 Devlin (1992): A cop (Bryan Brown) is suspected of murder (893969)
12.25am In the Line of Duty: Ambush in Waco (1993): Drama-documentary charting the rise of cult leader David Koresh (956993)
2.05 Far Out Man (1990): Tommy Chong searches for his family (8618812)
3.30 Law and Order (1976): Three generations of Irish-Americans serve as cops in New York (84070). Ends at **5.20**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4740143) **7.15** Prime Bodies (850563) **7.45** Snowboarding (859834) **8.15** Soccer News (8117672) **8.30** Fishing (88037) **9.00** Prime Bodies (79389) **9.30** Pool (81563) **10.30** Super Bowls (44306) **11.30** The Top 100 Goals of 1993 (93476) **12.30pm** Football (18563) **2.30** Fishing (3872) **3.00** Basketball (27292) **5.00** Drag Racing (9321) **5.30** Snowboarding (4360) **6.00** Soccer News (362940) **6.15** Sportsworld (7641986) **7.00** American Sports (417871) **8.00** Boxing (94037) **10.00** Soccer News (893486) **10.15** European Golfing Year (812143) **12.15-1.15am** Top Goals (871273)

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UK GOLD

7.00am The Sull

Everton approach for new manager turned down

Norwich fight to keep Walker

BY PETER BALL

EVERTON'S attempt to make Mike Walker their new manager ran into determined resistance from Norwich City yesterday. Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, refused Everton permission to approach Walker.

For the moment, Everton have accepted Chase's decision but a statement by Dr David Marsh, the Everton chairman, left the door open. After confirming he had made an initial approach to Chase, Marsh said: "We now await developments. In the meantime, Everton are happy to give an undertaking requested by Mr Chase not to make any indirect approach to Mr Walker.

"Everton FC has always conducted matters of this nature in the correct manner and, even though we are anxious to resolve our managership problem with all possible haste, we respect the situation of Norwich City and appreciate their reluctance to lose their manager."

The matter, however, is unlikely to end there. "The ball is very much in Norwich's court," Jim Greenwood, the Everton chief executive, said yesterday. "Presumably, the manager and club will now sit down and discuss the situation and issue a statement."

Walker was expected to discuss the approach with Chase before Norwich's game with Newcastle United last night and there were suggestions that he would consider resigning if Chase did not allow him to talk to Everton. It is believed on Merseyside that he will be at Goodison Park for talks today.

"I would certainly be interested to hear what they have to say," Walker said. "It doesn't mean that I am going to leave or anything like that but, when an offer from a club like that comes in, it makes sense to talk to them."

Walker has gained a considerable reputation for his achievements with Norwich, where he has spent two years in charge. He has guided them into Europe for the first time and they impressed everyone with their sophistication in unknown territory this season, when they produced one of the most outstanding performances by an English club side when they became the first English team to beat Bayern Munich in Germany.

As impressive as the success was the manner of their performances. Under Walker's tutelage, the Norwich players have played progressive, passing football with a high degree of technical ability, indicating that English players can match the technique of European sides given the right environment.

That is likely to be an important consideration for Everton, who have basked in the name "The School of Science" for years and whose fans have always demanded skill and entertainment as much as results.

Although Everton are understood to be offering in the region of £150,000 a year, Norwich agreed at a board meeting on Monday to offer Walker a new contract with a 40 per cent pay rise that, with bonuses for qualifying for Europe, would comfortably outstrip Everton's offer. He also has a better team at Norwich than he will inherit at Goodison, although Everton's potential may tilt the balance in their favour.

Norwich, however, seem certain to try to block the move, with Chase threatening legal action if Everton had refused to give the undertaking he required. "I made it quite clear to Dr Marsh that, if I didn't get that assurance, we would be taking action in the High Court this morning to prevent them making an approach," Chase said.

The matter has not been helped by the comments of Bill Kenwright, one of the Everton directors and a spokesman for a consortium bidding for the club, that Everton expected to have a new manager today. "This business has been rumbling on for weeks and now they are saying they want it resolved because they have an important FA Cup tie on Saturday," Chase said.

"It may have escaped their notice that we have an important tie against Wycombe Wanderers in the same competition and, before that, we have an even more important Premiership game against Newcastle. The timing of their move could hardly have been more insensitive."

Everton's need is increasingly pressing. Since Howard Kendall resigned in frustration at the beginning of December, when he was refused the money to buy Dion Dublin from Manchester United, the side has drawn one and lost six matches and plummeted down the Premiership table.

The imminent takeover by either Kenwright's consortium or Peter Johnson, the present chairman of Tranmere Rovers, means that the purse strings will be loosened for the new manager. Kenwright has said his group would release up to £7 million for team rebuilding and Johnson is believed to have an even larger sum in mind.

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BRYN COLTON



Walker, the Norwich City manager, wants to talk to Everton officials before making a decision on whether to stay at Carrow Road

England A's successful run ends with heavy defeat

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN DURBAN

A HEAVY defeat is often more valuable than a comfortable victory. However much England A wanted to extend their winning sequence, this humbling by Natal may yet teach the players more than another thin win. The challenge now is to respond in positive fashion on Friday, when they meet Northern Transvaal in Pretoria.

If an innings and 57 runs suggests England were outplayed, the chasm is not misleading. Natal batted with greater discretion when Hugh Morris inserted them, bowled a more searching line and fielded much better. Malcolm Marshall, who led them most ably, was entitled to believe they have the makings of an outstanding young side.

The last time he faced an England side, he recalled, West Indies lost the fifth Test match of the 1991 series at the Oval. On that occasion, the West Indian batting was as undistinguished as England's here, where only Crawley, Loye and Bicknell revealed the fighting qualities the situation demanded.

It is fair to say that with Crawley's dismissal for 81, in the eighth over of the day, went England's hopes of saving the game. He had played so well on Monday afternoon that to go as he did, caught at slip carving at a wide ball for the second time in the match, he cannot avoid criticism. The greater the talent, the heavier the responsibility.

Benkenstein, the successful bowler, is a cricketer people will hear more of for, at 19, time is on his side. Kluesner, the Zulu-speaking debutant, can expect further opportunities after taking four wickets to finish the match with seven for 98.

Marshall entrusted him with the new ball the moment it was available. In his second over with it, Dale gave a surprisingly tame return catch off the leading edge. Rhodes, chasing a ball he should have ignored, followed before lunch when Loye, who was 27 overnight, had reached 65.

While they were together, Loye and Bicknell, who used Lathwell as his runner, showed how far a bit of common sense could go. Compulsive hooker though he is, Loye kept most of his strokes on the grass and he was not alone in his disappointment when, attempting to sweep Crookes, he gloved a catch to Goedeke.

That was a belated triumph for the off spinner, who would have snared Loye for two, instead of 68, had Goedeke not made a mess of a routine stumping chance the previous day. Loye was helped a bit at Cape Town, where he also made 68, by some shocking fielding. If he did not throw away a century there, then he did here.

Crookes, who ended Bicknell's contribution to this match, and the four, again took four wickets in the innings. Perhaps more than the other bowlers, he benefited from the pressure Natal's total put England under. By bowling as slowly as he did, he was almost taunting them.

From the time Bicknell pulled up on Saturday morning with an intercostal injury, necessitating his passage home today, England have been on the wrong end of things for the first time on this tour. They will have today off as a "period of grace", to think about things, Phil Neale, the team manager, said.

"I am not a great believer in naughty-boy nets," he said. "All the same, I want the players to remember what this defeat felt like. It will strengthen our resolve not to let it happen again."

NATAL: First Innings 456 for 9 dec (C R B Armstrong 67, D M Benkenstein 95, D J Watson 87).

ENGLAND A XI: First Innings 116 (D N Crookes 4 for 35).

Second Innings

M N Lathwell c Bruyns b Crookes	38
*H Morris c Benkenstein b Pollock	25
J P Crawley c Watson b Benkenstein	81
A P Wells c Watson b Crookes	20
M B Loye c Goedeke b Crookes	68
A Dale c and b Kluesner	2
†S J Rhodes c Goedeke b Kluesner	13
M P Bicknell b Crookes	22
D Gough not out	2
M J McCague c Goedeke b Kluesner	0
P M Such c Wright b Kluesner	2
Extras (b 8, lb 6, nb 2)	14
Total	285

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-70, 3-104, 4-204, 5-218, 6-242, 7-275, 8-282, 9-283.

BOWLING: Marshall 28-9-53-0; Kluesner 21.5-2-61-4; Crookes 46-10-103-4; Pollock 15-4-37-1; Benkenstein 10-3-19-1.

Umpires: W Diedricks and D Orchard.

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Duffy pinpoints reason for Dundee defeat

Kilmarnock	1
Dundee	0

BY A CORRESPONDENT

KILMARNOCK'S surprising success story continued yesterday in advance of Saturday's return to Ibrox, where they have enjoyed their best results this season. A single goal from Shaun McSkimming, his first in the premier division, left Dundee looking back on their thirteenth single-goal defeat of the season.

Jim Duffy, the Dundee player-manager, had no excuses, or doubts about who was to blame for the defeat: "We gave away a silly corner and it was definitely my fault for not picking up the scorer at the near post," he said. "They gave us a lesson as to what is required in order to win games in Scottish football. We shall see if the players heed it now, but they are running out of time." Relegation is a real danger for Dundee.

Kilmarnock's opening half-hour was as near to total domination as they are likely to achieve all season. A 23-yard shot from Brown that sneaked a foot past a post set the tone before Mitchell struck a dangerous volley after a lovely three-man move, and McSkimming was denied by Mathers, the Dundee goalkeeper. McSkimming also had another chance from a Reilly corner, but failed to get a necessary weight on his volley, before a 30-yard drive from Black saw Mathers produce a spectacular save.

Dundee had been standing off their opponents too often, their passing was also below par and it seemed only a matter of time before they would go a goal down. They survived until half-time, thanks largely to Kilmarnock easing down a gear or two.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	25	12	8	5	42	26	32
Aberdeen	24	10	11	3	32	18	31
Motherwell	24	12	6	6	32	24	30
Celtic	24	9	10	5	30	21	28
Hibernian	24	10	7	7	34	28	27
Kilmarnock	25	8	11	6	22	21	27
Dundee Utd	24	6	12	6	24	25	24
Partick	24	6	9	9	29	35	21
Hearts	24	5	10	9	18	24	20
St Johnstone	23	5	8	10	18	30	18
Raith	23	4	10	9	25	39	16
Dundee	24	4	4	16	22	36	12

The Kilmarnock supporters need not have worried, however, for, a minute after the interval, McSkimming struck. A delightful turn and pass from Brown invited the forward to run at three defenders. He did and they conceded a corner. This time, when Reilly's cross arrived, McSkimming rose unchallenged to head high into the net.

After the goal, Dundee switched things around, moving Dodds up front, but with Duffy looking out of sorts — twice, within a 30-second spell, he gave the ball away to Mitchell inside his penalty box — more and more of Dodds' teammates were forced to scurry back to cover their lines as Kilmarnock regained control.

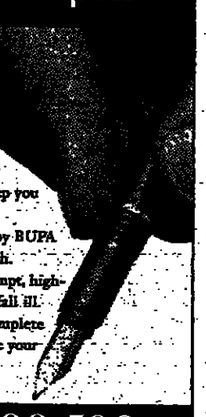
All four substitutes were used, Wieghorst, of Dundee, making the most startling contribution, receiving the game's only yellow card before even touching the ball, for hauling back the runaway Black. It was an all too appropriate comment on the plight of Dundee, who trail Raith Rovers by six points at the bottom of the table.

KILMARNOCK (4-4-2): B Geddes — G MacPherson, A Millen, R Montgomerie, T Black — A Mitchell, M Reilly, T Burns (sub: C Paterson, 86min), S McSkimming — T Brown, D Crawnie (sub: I Porteous, 82).

DUNDEE (4-4-2): P Mathers — S Frail, N Blake, J Duffy, D Vrto — W Dodds, R Farmingham, G McEwan, P Czachowski (sub: M Wieghorst, 73) — D Ristic (sub: J McQuillan, 61), P Ritchie.

Referee: G A Evans.

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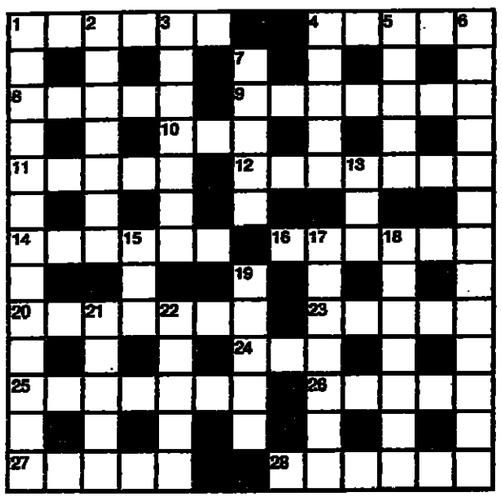
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ACROSS
1 Wife of Priam (6)
4 Unbending (5)
8 Gets under the skin of (5)
9 Mien (7)
10 Top of stove; mischievous spirit (3)
11 Poppy drug (5)
12 Jealous man destroyed by Iago (7)
14 Merciful, civilised (6)
16 Port near mouth of Don (6)
20 Omen, forecast (7)
23 Subject, theme (5)
24 Head; jack; upper-class person (3)
25 List one by one (7)
26 Site of 1836 Texas massacre (5)
27 Cupidity (5)
28 Thin gruel (6)

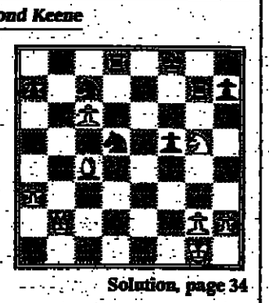
DOWN
1 With ear function impaired (4,2,7)
2 Element essential to bones, teeth (7)
3 Kalahari native (7)
4 Open stretch of river (5)
5 Interrogate (5)
6 World War II self-sufficiency slogan (3,3,7)
7 Head of religious house (5)
13 Currency-fixing system (1,1,1)
15 Killer of Cleopatra (3)
17 Remote parts of Australia (7)
18 Canvas spread from topmast yard (7)
19 Item of belief (5)
21 Kid leather (5)
22 Homeric epic (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 53

ACROSS: 1 Aeneid 4 Broach 8 Cowslip 10 Naked 11 Plod 12 Anywhere 14 Nerveless 18 Monoglot 20 Flap 22 Audit 23 Spenser 24 Trying 25 Galaxy
DOWN: 1 Accept 2 New moon 3 Ills 5 Renowned 6 Arkle 7 Hidden 9 Ponderous 13 Brighten 15 Silesia 16 Impart 17 Sporty 19 Noddy 21 Hera

By Raymond Keene

Today's problem is from the game Bareev - Speelman, Hastings Premier 1991. Evgeny Bareev, the young Russian Grandmaster, has been the clear or joint winner of the last three years' Hastings Premier tournaments. How did he finish off Black here? Tomorrow sees the last round of this year's Hastings Premier. For details ring 0424 445348.



Solution, page 34

By Philip Howard

BOTILLAGE
a. Drawing wine into bottles
b. The age of a vintage
c. Tying in bundles

ALOUT
a. The screech owl
b. To stoop
c. To wander riotously

VOTEEN
a. A religious person
b. Votes for teenagers
c. A small rowing boat

YAPOCK
a. Australian coin-tossing
b. A water opossum
c. A type of coarse linen

Answers on page 34